

Talks in the pipeline over former award-winning Boat

# DERELICT PUB MAY FACE BULLDOZERS

Report by Nathan Briant

**ACTION** could be taken to pull down an arson-hit pub which has been empty for more than a decade, it has been revealed.

Walsall Council is understood to be preparing to enter talks with the owners of The Boat pub, in Bentley Road South, to knock the building down for redevelopment.

A senior firefighter hit out at arsonists earlier this year over the way they were 'putting lives at risk' by setting fire to the building, after it was targeted four times in just a fortnight.

Walsall Council's portfolio holder for regeneration, Councillor Lee Jeavons, has now revealed the actions being taken by the authority.

He said: "The site has become a magnet for anti-social behaviour and because of this, the council is considering its legal powers for the building to be demolished."

Darlaston councillor Doug James said: "We have had a rash of arson attacks on the property. The site itself had effectively been closed off because of the development of the new road."

"Clearly it would have been impossible for development to have taken place there then."

"The road has now reopened for two months and it falls within the Darlaston Enterprise Zone. I haven't heard anything about how the council is going to refresh the timetable and take urgent action."

## Caravans

In June, watch commander at Willenhall Fire Station, Andy Minor, said it was 'frustrating' that crews had been continually tied up with putting out unnecessary blazes.

Those fires included attacks on caravans and cars parked near the building and the pub building itself. Darlaston councillor Paul Boti, whose uncle formerly ran the pub, said fencing should be placed outside the grounds there to stop further attacks.

If it is demolished, it will be a sad end for the once prize-winning pub. In 2005, it was named pub of the year by the Walsall Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) branch – but by 2006 it had closed.

It was soon being used by keen fly-tippers and a man was fined over £10,000 in 2009 for dumping scrap metal and car parts on the land.

Walsall Council then spent £3,700 clearing that. Then an unauthorized car clearing company moved onto the grounds – but that was clamped down upon by the authority.

## HEART OF THE MATTER FOR FIRST AID EXPERTISE



Front, Heartstart centre trainer Denise Smith, with back, from left, shop manager Cheryl Hannon, Lisa Jones and Charlotte Smith

EXPERT first aiders taught shoppers how to deal with people in emergencies in Walsall town centre with special, impromptu demonstrations.

Volunteers from Delves-based Place of Refuge Community Church led classes outside the British Heart Foundation (BHF) charity shop at the Saddlers Shopping Centre, in Park Street, on Sunday.

Organiser Denise Smith said: "It is a way of communicating these key skills which everyone should have right from school really." The church is a registered charity and

is a designated Heartstart course provider by the BHF. The volunteers were taking part in the Simple Skills Save Lives classes and were taught by Denise, who has 38 years' experience as a midwife.

She said: "We did a CPR demonstration with a full body mannequin and demonstrated how a defibrillator works." Their course teaches CPR and other emergency lifesaving skills – all free. The Place of Refuge is one of 3,800 similar providers across the UK financed and supported by the BHF. The group has recently been given a po-

tentially life-saving defibrillator by the BHF after a man in his 50s suffered a heart attack in Walsall town centre.

Denise and fellow volunteers were on hand to teach people how to deal with a person if they are unconscious; the signs and symptoms of a heart attack; recognising a cardiac arrest and performing CPR on a patient and dealing with choking and serious bleeding.

Over three and a half million people have attended a Heartstart course since they were first established in 1996. For more information visit the volunteers in Talke Road.

## CAMPAIGN

### Hundreds more sign petition on travellers

AN extra 250 people have signed a petition calling for action after travellers caused havoc in Walsall during the last fortnight.

Residents in the Delves have been living in fear after being surrounded by large encampments on Delves Green and Walstead Road. Fear has since turned to anger at the large piles of rubbish left behind.

Just before the travellers vacated the sites, the Yew Tree and Tame Bridge community group launched a campaign calling on councils in Walsall and Sandwell to meet with West Midlands Police and discuss future preventative measures. The petition gained over 600 signatures in a couple of days but now more than 870 have declared support.

## HEALTH

### Medical incidents at Manor top 900

A TOTAL of 922 medical incidents occurred at Walsall Manor Hospital in a single of month, a report has revealed.

Among the latest figures for June, 12 were deemed to be 'serious' which are those where significant lessons can be learned or where the consequences to the patient were so substantial that a comprehensive response is required. A breakdown of the incidents revealed 'major harm' was caused in seven cases while moderate harm was caused in 17.

There were no cases of 'catastrophic harm' however 11 incidents were 'put down as 'near misses'.

## ROADWORKS

### Delays warning on emergency repairs

CENTRAL Drive in Bloxwich will be closed until August 22, Walsall Council has confirmed.

It was closed earlier this week for emergency repairs and now the council has said it will be closed between the junctions of Coalway Road and Crossdene Road from Tuesday until August 22.

Croxtalls Road between the junctions of Croxtalls Avenue and Central Drive will also be closed because of the rail bridge being replaced. The Murphy Group is carrying out the work on behalf of Network Rail.

Drivers are warned to expect delays.

## INSIDE

### Brownhills hots up for sunshine event



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# Donation helps limited mobility patients



Pat, sitting, with her sister June Southall, therapist Paula Thompson, Chris's brother Russell, clinical support worker Susan Meddings and Ward 2 sister Eleonor Sarto

LIMITED mobility patients at Walsall Manor Hospital will be able to spend more time out of bed thanks to donations made in memory of a Willenhall grandfather.

Chris Wedge spent the last few weeks of his life on Swift discharge Suite (Ward 2) at Walsall Manor Hospital before he died in December 2014.

His widow Pat asked for donations rather than flowers at his funeral and came back into the hospital last month to unveil a special Tilt In Space Chair that the family has bought to help others.

Mrs Wedge said: "Chris had had Multiple Sclerosis since the age of 24 and had many other health issues including diabetes and prostate cancer. He had most of his treatment at New Cross Hospital but this last time he came to the Manor."

"He never complained and fought back so many times over the years but sadly he was just too ill and he passed away at the Manor. We asked for donations at his funeral and wanted to buy something that would help others because that is a fitting memorial for Chris."

Ann Hawes, swift discharge suite (Ward 2) Clinical Lead: "We are really grateful to Mrs Wedge for her support."

"We want to reassure her that this chair will be a big help for our patients as it means more of them will be able to get out of bed."

# Common is left 'barely recognisable' after convoy

TRAVELLERS at Delves Common left the beauty spot 'barely recognisable' according to a councillor who has helped with the ongoing clean-up operation.

A bath, a sink, used nappies, several piles of rubble, a doll, broken furniture, a mattress and more were left on the Walsall beauty spot after travellers pitched up last week, prompting anger among residents who have since launched a petition calling for action to be taken to prevent it happening again.

The clean-up is still ongoing at the site, with council bosses unable to put a figure on the eventual cost at present.

Councillor Chris Jones, who represents the Birchills Leamore area, said he 'couldn't believe his eyes' after visiting the site to help with the clean-up operation.

He also claimed the council would be looking to prosecute those responsible for the mess.

He said: "I travelled to Delves Common early on Thursday morning with my Clean and Green colleagues to survey the damage and help start the clean-up operation."

"I could not believe my eyes, this much loved Walsall beauty spot was barely recognisable, it has been left in a disgraceful state."

"Someone must know where this rubbish originated from, once we trace the goods back the perpetrators will be prosecuted."

On Monday, just before the travellers vacated the site, the Yew Tree and Tame Bridge community group launched their petition, calling on councils in Walsall and Sandwell to meet with West Midlands Police and discuss future preventative measures to keep caravans at bay as well utilising laws to boot them off land earlier.



Cllr Jones helps with the clean-up

# Speed cameras 'not ruled out' by council

WALSALL Council has not ruled out bringing back speed cameras to the borough after an initiative was launched by two West Midlands councils.

Birmingham and Solihull have switched on nine new average speed cameras between them in recent days. Wolverhampton Council says it is now looking for cameras to be switched on in the city and Walsall Council has not ruled out following suit.

Bosses at the authority remained tight-lipped on their plans and refused to say if they would or would not welcome new cameras in the borough, but did say they were 'very keen' to see the outcome of Birmingham and Solihull's 21-month trial. The old film speed cameras across the Black Country were switched off in 2013 as they were costing too much money.

Walsall Council spokesman Rich Bolton said: "We are very keen to see the outcome of the trial and we will be analysing the outcome with our partners."

## Affordable

Councillor Ian Shires, the leader of Walsall's Liberal Democrats who currently run the council with the Labour group, praised Birmingham and Solihull's move as a 'good idea' and said he would like to look at something similar for Walsall providing it was affordable.

He said: "I think it is a good idea. They were turned off originally because of cost and other issues but the problem now is that because people know they are turned off the average speed is increasing."

"We have got issues in certain areas where people are travelling far too fast. I would welcome looking at speed cameras again to see if it is affordable."

"From our point of view enforcement is a key issue and it appears the only way to enforce issues like speeding is by having some form of charging system."

"I know if you go up to Staffordshire people are far more wary where the cameras are because the majority of them are still working."

Conservative group leader and former council leader Councillor Mike Bird admitted he thought cameras were merely 'cash cows'.

# Be a sleuth and hunt the bears



Louise McCathie, Michelle McLoughlin and Sally-Ann Wilkinson promote the Big Sleuth

MORE than 100 giant sculptures will be leaving their paw prints all over Bear-mingham next summer as the sequel to last year's Big Hoot arrives in the second city.

Following the success of the owl sculptures that brightened up the city, Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity and creative producers Wild in Art have announced that a second trail is planned for next summer. This time the colourful characters will be sun bears.

The Big Sleuth will see the indi-

vidually designed, 165cm tall sculptures appear, inspiring residents and tourists to uncover Birmingham's cultural gems and discover areas of the city they may not have explored before. They will be auctioned off at the end with the proceeds going to the hospital.

Michelle McLoughlin, chief nursing officer at Birmingham Children's Hospital, said: "The Big Sleuth is really important to Birmingham Children's Hospital as not only will it inspire civic pride

and give families another opportunity to get active on a free and fun day out, but we also hope to raise over half a million pounds to support the pioneering work we do here each day."

The sculptures will be funded by corporates from across the Midlands and will be brought to life by regional and national artists to create the trail of art.

For more about The Big Sleuth and sponsorship opportunities visit [www.thebigsleuth2017.co.uk](http://www.thebigsleuth2017.co.uk)

# Drugs and drinks mix led to death

A WOMAN died after taking a mixture of alcohol and co-codamol, an inquest heard.

Natasha Jasmine Ali, 27, from The Furlong, Wednesbury, died at Walsall Manor Hospital on June 16 after she was found unconscious outside her flat.

Black Country Coroner's Court heard that she had been 'addicted to alcohol' from the age of 14, despite several attempts by family to get her help.

Police entered her property and found empty bottles of vodka, cider and co-codamol. The cause of death given was alcoholic ketoacidosis.

Concluding a verdict of alcohol related death, senior coroner, Zafar Siddique, said: "It seems that she sadly led a chaotic life and despite family help she continued to drink on a daily basis."

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# Hospital in probe over the death of ex-mechanic

AN investigation has been launched into the death from cancer of a retired mechanic after his family raised concerns about a late diagnosis, an inquest heard. Alan Brandrick, of Fourth Avenue, Brownhills, died at Manor Hospital on April 23.

Senior coroner's officer Stephen Binsley said the 76-year-old had been referred for tests after visiting his GP over blood in his urine in June last year but that a subsequent CT scan had come back clear.

Mr Brandrick sought further medical help on Christmas Eve when he was prescribed antibiotics for a water infection. But his condition continued to deteriorate and in January a scan showed enlarged lymph nodes and a growth in his right kidney.

The family raised concerns about his care but the hospital confirmed the July CT scan had showed what was believed to be a benign cyst. Consultant urologist Dr Suresh Ganta said that in hindsight the cyst was possibly cancerous. Mr Binsley told the inquest it was an aggressive cancer, adding: "Dr Ganta does not believe it would have made a difference to the outcome."

Mr Brandrick was offered a biopsy and other tests in January but these could not take place straight away because he was on the blood-thinning drug Warfarin, the inquest in Oldbury heard. He was admitted to the Manor Hospital on April 5 with jaundice, anaemia and other conditions but despite active management, his health deteriorated rapidly and he died just over two weeks later. A post mortem showed that the cause of death was kidney cancer.

Black Country coroner Zafar Siddique concluded that Mr Brandrick had died of natural causes. Mr Binsley said the hospital had launched an investigation.

Amir Khan, medical director at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of Alan Brandrick and appreciate that this is an extremely difficult time for them. An investigation into the care provided to Mr Brandrick has taken place at the request of the coroner and we will be contacting the family."

## £500k costs to replace camera

WALSALL Manor Hospital need to spend more than half a million pounds replacing a key piece of scanning equipment. The ruling trust has signed off a move to spend £513,000 on a new gamma camera.

Another £65,000 a year will also have to be spent maintaining it while another £100,000 is needed to cover one-off construction costs.

The equipment is used to carry out nuclear medicine scans used for a wide variety of patients including people with heart, kidney, lung, breast conditions as well as cancer.

# Widow's handout to critical care unit



Jilly Turner hands over the cheque

A WOMAN from Wednesbury who lost her husband to cancer raised more than £1,000 for Sandwell Hospital where he spent the last days of his life.

Jilly Turner was determined the loss would not be in vain and decided to raise the money for the Critical Care Unit at the hospital.

Mrs Turner, aged 56, said: "We found out Peter had a brain tumour when I took him to A&E at Sandwell Hospital. I thought he had experienced a mini stroke."

"After his operation to remove the

tumour he had a full body scan, where doctors discovered it was secondary from his lung and had spread to his lymph nodes, his liver and spleen."

Peter was admitted to critical care at the hospital in September last year after he had collapsed at home from blood clots in his lungs.

Mrs Turner added: "It was a stressful time for all of us, but staff gave him excellent care."

Peter passed away on October 16. They had been married for 10 years. The money was raised at his funeral with added contributions from family

and friends. Amber Markham, critical care matron, said: "We know that Peter cared greatly about education, and after discussion with Jill we plan to use the donation to invest in training to help our nurses develop their skills and knowledge. We believe this is what Peter would have wanted."

Peter had worked in the NHS for 40 years, spending 28 years at the Birmingham Dental Hospital.

He was also the head of HR at the Heart of Birmingham Primary Care Trust before he retired to run his own HR consultancy company.

# Pensioner, 88, killed crossing at junction

AN ELDERLY woman has died after she was hit by a car as she crossed a busy junction.

The 88-year-old pensioner was at the junction of Bloxwich Road and Leamore Lane in Leamore, near Walsall, at around 11.50am when she was knocked down by a silver Volkswagen Golf.

She was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham with critical injuries but died later on Saturday.

A 25-year-old driver stopped at the scene and gave a voluntary interview to police. He was released pending further inquiries.

Councillor Chris Jones, who represents Birchills Leamore on Walsall Council, said: "It is a terrible accident. I attended the scene personally and there were a lot of rumours flying around. Obviously our thoughts and prayers are with the lady's family. I believe she was local and it was an awful situation and we will await the police's reports. It is a busy road. Both with Summerfield Road, it is a busy junction. It is very difficult to comment while an investigation is going on."

## Witnesses

"We eagerly await the police's report and then we can have a look at their findings."

Nick Gandham, owner of The Crown Pub on Leamore Lane, near the site of the accident, said: "The road was closed for a few hours."

Fellow Birchills Leamore representative Councillor Tina Jukes said: "We have been trying to get help [with the junction]. We have residents' meetings every month and we have been working to sort things out but it always comes down to money."

West Midlands Police's Collision Investigation Unit is now looking into the cause of the incident and is urging witnesses to get in touch. Pc Julie Lynam said: "It's a very busy intersection; we've spoken to some witnesses already but I have no doubt more drivers will have seen what happened and continued on their way perhaps not realising the severity of the collision."

"I would ask anyone that saw the collision – or the silver Volkswagen driving along Leamore Lane – to get in touch on the 101 number quoting the log number 1045 13/08."

The junction's closure was publicised on Walsall Council's Twitter feed, which notified followers that it was shut at around 1.30pm for two hours.

## Town taking it nice sand easy



Ellia-Rose Waterfield, aged one, and sister Aliyah Waterfield, aged nine, make castles in the sand

BROWNHILLS may lie more than 100 miles away from the seaside but that didn't stop thousands of people enjoying a special festival.

Families enjoyed a fun fair and special flower displays at Brownhills by the Sea.

On Saturday, visitors were able to enjoy a giant sand pit, giant inflatable and a boating pool with rowing boats along High Street.

Activities included an entertainment stage with bands and dance troupes from the area, a traditional craft market and charity stalls.

The Armitage Birds of Prey, who

have appeared in the Harry Potter films, were there and pony rides are also on offer. There was also a paddle session for children, priced at £3 for 30 minutes.

Diane Mansell, who works as a regeneration officer for Walsall Council and has worked with Brownhills Town Centre Partnership to organise the event, said the activities had been a major draw.

She said: "It has been going really well. Obviously the sun being out has really helped. It is the first time we have done it in Brownhills."



Maisie-Jane Pinson, six, enjoying Brownhills by the Sea

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Pele will be at bar despite operation

FOOTBALL legend Pele is still on course to appear in Cannock despite pulling out of lighting the Olympic cauldron in Rio, organisers say.

The 75-year-old was expected to play a major part in the opening ceremony last Friday in his home nation but stated he was not in the right physical condition, having had a hip operation earlier this year.

However, Scott Murray, owner of Bar Sport and the Premier Suite Lounge, which will host the sporting icon tonight, Thursday, confirmed the date was still in tact.

### Colourful time for younger patients

CHILDREN at Walsall Manor Hospital's emergency department can take their minds off their aches and pains thanks to a donation from the town's Asda shop. The youngsters have been given a host of colouring books and pens to keep them busy thanks to generous staff at the supermarket chain.

Paediatric Sister Dawn Luke said the items are proving a hit with young patients. She said: "We try and distract them so they feel calmer and more relaxed as they wait for tests or to be seen by a doctor. Thanks very much to Asda for this kind donation."

### Self-care boost with sessions

PEOPLE living with long term health issues in Walsall are being offered the chance to develop their skills and knowledge to better manage their conditions.

The borough's Expert Patients Programme is running a free course at Walsall Leather Museum from September 6 until October 11, which is open to people living with conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, diabetes and depression. For details, contact the Self Care Management Team,

### Leisure centres are now up and running

THE new Bloxwich and Oak Park Living Centres have been officially launched. Interest in the centres started early with new members queuing, along with regulars, families and children to experience the new facilities from the time the doors opened.

Councillor Julie Fitzpatrick cut the launch ribbons at both centres. She said: "I can't think of a better time to open these stunning state-of-the-art centres than during the 2016 Olympic Games."

### Date for Walsall Run

THE 30th annual Walsall Run takes place on Sunday, September 25 in Walsall Arboretum Extension. Organised by the Rotary Club of Walsall, it will feature a choice of 5km or 10km runs or a 3km walk. Runs start at 11am with registration from 10. Money will be raised for children's charities.

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TWO news reports on the same day this week provide food for thought. First, the University of Wolverhampton unveiled plans for a new 10-storey development of 800 student flats. Next, a survey by the insurance firm Aviva revealed that more than a third of graduates regret going to university. Half reckon they would have landed their current job without a degree. No surprises there. It is blindingly obvious that Britain can never provide enough high-level jobs for the 745,000 graduates and post-graduates leaving university each year – with an average of £40,000 debt apiece.

YET the academics and developers in Wolverhampton, and in dozens of other university towns and cities, clearly see no end to the higher-education boom. New teaching and accommodation blocks are going up everywhere, providing excellent employment for bricklayers, plasterers, electricians and plumbers, and huge profits for building contractors.

Isn't it curious that the people making real money out of the university boom, the ones who are debt-free and currently swanning around the Med on long, long holidays, are tradesmen who never went to university? Somewhere in here there is a PhD in irony.

INCIDENTALLY, the holiday I most envy this summer is the five-week trip skippering a 35-foot yacht around the Greek islands, currently being enjoyed by the bloke who empties my septic tank. Where there's muck, etc . . .



J E W I S H jokes, Irish jokes, casual sexism and a "Red Indian" dance committing the unpardonable sin of cultural appropriation. Does anyone

at the Yesterday channel vet the repeats of 1970s The Two Ronnies before screening them? And do we all feel guilty about laughing?

A TWITTER account in Walsall says it will "name and shame" men caught urinating on its CCTV camera (Okay, not actually on the camera but in the area covered by the camera). The implication is that offenders, including two suspected bus drivers, have some choice in the matter.

I can only assume that those setting the trap have not yet reached middle-age and experienced the eye-watering urgency that can go with blood-pressure tablets or prostate problems. If there were more public loos there would be less public peeing.

A DAILY Telegraph reader reports that the e-passport gate at Heathrow has instructions which begin with the order to remove your glasses.

He can't tell us what the following instructions were.

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# Pupils excluded over race abuse

MORE than four children a week are excluded from school for racist abuse of their fellow pupils in the Black Country, according to new figures.

The data, compiled by New Schools Network, revealed there were 160 cases across Wolverhampton, Dudley, Walsall and Sandwell schools which were serious enough to warrant a fixed or permanent exclusion in the 2014-15 academic year.

Across the West Midlands there were 600 cases and since 2008-9, the region has seen almost 4,000 exclusions for racist abuse. In 2014/15, there were 4,000 cases in the region, amounting to 20 exclusions a day.

Dudley had the most, with 60 children being excluded. Of all children excluded from school in the area, 2.84 per cent were removed due to racist abuse. In Wolverhampton, 30

children were excluded, a percentage of 2.56. Walsall had 40 children excluded, 1.97 per cent of all children excluded in the area, and Sandwell had 30 children excluded, 1.38 per cent of all excluded from schools there.

The analysis comes as New Schools Network has successfully argued for a new category of 'social need' to be part of the free school application

criteria. This means that free school proposals will now be considered for approval if there is a proven 'social need' for the new school.

Sarah Pearson, Interim Director of New Schools Network, said: "Free schools are already doing great work in their communities to break down barriers between children of different classes, ethnicities, and cultures."

# Hospital wards go for gold in reward system

By Jack Averty

**A NEW review system at Walsall Manor Hospital is rewarding wards which provide the best quality of care to patients.**

Wards are rated on categories including quality, workforce, patient experience and leadership, before being given a gold, silver or bronze rating.

To gain a gold, wards must claim three silvers, which are reviewed every six months. A bronze rating results in an action plan being reviewed every 12 weeks.

Rachel Overfield, director of nursing at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, introduced the system in March and so far three wards have achieved a silver accreditation.

Wards that fall down in a number of the categories are classed as needing special support and become 'focus wards'. An action plan is developed for these and this is reviewed monthly.

Ms Overfield said: "We are very focused on making improvements at the trust that are felt by patients and staff alike. While patients are our priority, we also want to ensure the working environment here is a good one where colleagues support each other.

"This is important to help us retain the passionate and committed staff we have as well as attract new staff."

Infection control rates, the number of falls, effective documentation, and pressure sore incidents are included in the quality category, while workforce looks at issues such as temporary staffing levels, training opportunities, sickness levels and support for new starters.

The patient experience category focuses on complaints or compliments received by friends, family and carers and looks at areas such as dementia care. Leadership concentrates on the roles of matrons and senior sisters.

Ms Overfield said: "This system is a good way of working with staff to highlight areas of weakness and set about addressing them together."

## Owner takes away healthy eating award



Owner Sara Birch is presented with her healthy eating award by Councillor Julie Fitzpatrick at Eatso, Pelsall

A WALSALL takeaway has received a new award for its healthier food choices.

Walsall Council has introduced the Health Switch awards, which is aimed at recognising takeaways which look at simple ways to offer a healthier choice of food in the borough.

One of the first shops to get the award is Eatso, a health food restaurant on High Street, Pelsall.

Sara Birch, owner of Eatso, said: "The Health Switch awards have been a fantastic boost to our business. Eatso already provides a healthy menu to eat in or take away, but the environmental health team came in and really helped us raise our game, from helping us work out how many portions of your five a day our meals

contain to offering suggestions for healthier pudding choices."

Councillor Julie Fitzpatrick, portfolio holder for community, leisure and culture, presented the owners with the award.

She said: "To achieve these awards businesses are working directly with us to identify the changes necessary to make the choices on offer to their customers healthier and their businesses champions of healthier eating. We are aiming to broaden the appeal of healthier food to consumers who are becoming increasingly health conscious."

To join the Health Switch Awards scheme, contact Walsall Environmental Health Team on 01922 653010.

# Teenager's baby's body discovered with laundry

A TEENAGE girl gave birth in her bathroom before being taken to hospital – with her baby left dead in a laundry basket, an inquest heard.

The 17-year-old gave birth on her own at the family home in Great Barr. She was taken to City Hospital in Birmingham with a suspected miscarriage. But when doctors spoke to her at the hospital, she told them the baby, called Archie, was at home.

Police discovered the child in a laundry basket. A doctor's report read at the inquest at Black Country Coroners Court heard how the teenager 'tried to resuscitate him.' It said that the teenager put him in the laundry basket with towels because her mother was trying to get into the bathroom.

The incident took place on February 23.

Detective Inspector Michael Spellman, from West Bromwich police station, said: "The mother was taken to hospital at around 4pm that day with heavy bleeding and it was thought she had a miscarriage."

A doctors report stated there was a 'possibility' that the baby might have been a still birth but there were no developmental abnormalities, the inquest heard.

A post mortem showed he child could have died in the womb, during the birth process or after death – but it was not possible to determine at what point. The cause of death was unascertained.

Senior coroner Zafar Siddique gave an open conclusion.

# Physiotherapist in running goal

AN asthmatic physiotherapist is in training for a half marathon.

Mother-of-two Jennifer Slater-Reid, who works for the Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, will raise money for the British Lung Foundation.

Colleagues in the chronic obstructive pulmonary disease team, based at the Pleck Health Centre, are also holding a cake sale next month for the cause. Jennifer said: "We do fundraising through the year and concentrate on causes that will benefit our patients. We do a lot of work with the local breathe easy group, for example.

"Running for a charity has given me a focus and as I'm asthmatic I think I'm also showing our patients that it's good to have a goal."

To sponsor Jennifer, visit [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JenniferSlaterReid](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JenniferSlaterReid)

# House fire leaves man needing treatment

A SERIOUS fire sent smoke billowing from a house in Walsall which left one man needing care from paramedics.

The blaze, in Remington Place, Leamore, near Bloxwich, was attended by around 10 firefighters at around 9.10am last Friday.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Scooter tree crash teen family's pain

THE family of a 19-year-old who died after crashing a motor scooter into a tree have said he 'will be in our hearts forever'.

The touching tribute was made by the mother, father, brother, sister and fiancée of Daniel Harper, a teenager from Bilston who died after being in a critical condition.



Daniel Harper

Staffordshire Police confirmed Daniel died on Monday. He had been riding a motor scooter at around 11.15am on Sunday August 7 within the Mill Green Nature Reserve area on Lichfield Road, Cannock.

The smash happened around a mile from the road in the woods behind Mill Farm pub.

Anyone with information are asked to call Staffordshire Police on 101 and quote reference 332 of August 7.

Driving charges after van crash

A WALSALL man has been charged with multiple driving offences after a stolen van crashed into a parked car and telegraph pole.

Landscape gardener Dominic Noble, aged 30 of Livingstone Road, has been charged with aggravated vehicle taking and vehicle damage, failing to stop, failing to provide a specimen, driving without a licence, no insurance and without an MoT. He has been bailed and will appear at Walsall Magistrates Court on September 8.

The incident happened at 8.50pm on August 6 in Broad Lane, Shelfield.

Up periscope for children's activity

LITTLE sailors can make their very own periscope as part of a special craft session in Walsall today (Thursday).

The 'Thursday Skills: Periscopes' session takes place from 11am to 12.30pm and from 1-2.30pm at The New Art Gallery, Gallery Square.

Inquisitive youngsters can create their own periscopes to take away and play with. Cost is £2.50 per child and suitable for four-year-olds and above, to be accompanied by an adult.

Call 01922 654 400.

Youths given ban after brawl at football game

FOUR youths from Walsall have been given football banning orders following a brawl before a match earlier this year.

The four juveniles, who cannot be named for legal reasons, were each given a three year ban in relation to a brawl before the League One match at the Bank's Stadium against Blackpool on January 23.

The group pleaded guilty to affray when they appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court.

Mental health funding to boost job prospects

DUDLEY and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust has received funding to help adults with experience of mental health problems prepare themselves to access training, voluntary work or employment.

It will work with Trust to offer people additional support to those who need it.

The funding comes as part of a new multi-million pound programme, Building Better Opportunities, a collaboration between the Big Lottery Fund and the European Social Fund (ESF).

Building upon the success of Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust's Employment and Vocational Services, the funding will allow the service to reach a wider population across the Black County, supporting individuals back into training or meaningful employment.

Support offered will include advice and guidance on moving towards the job market, moving on from benefits, CV writing and interview tips.

Training will be provided to enhance employability qualifications and build the confidence of those in need. Vicky Harris, employment support manager at Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, said: "It is vital that we offer support to those who need it.

"Not only will it be crucial to work on the hard and practical skills, but also improving soft, social skills, whether this is just meeting new people, socialising with large groups or travelling to and from workplaces."

Trust appoints chief executive

A NEW chief executive has been appointed at the Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust.

Mark Axcell, who was previously acting chief executive, has now stepped into the position full-time. He had a long career in the NHS, having worked in both mental health, acute and commissioning trusts. He

Chairman Ben Reid said: "I am pleased to announce Mark's appointment. During Mark's time as acting chief executive, he has shown strong leadership qualities and has led the trust through a number of changes."

Mr Axcell said: "I am delighted to have the opportunity to lead Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust."

Ramblers set for 4-mile walk

THE Walsall Group of the Ramblers is heading on a four mile walk this Saturday. The group, who are meeting as normal at Oak Park Leisure Centre at 9.30am, will be walking around Brewood. New walkers are welcome and more information is available by calling the walk leader on 01922 413794.

Murder suspect 'was like family'



Shireen Harper, left, and her mother Gina

A CORONER has ruled a Walsall man committed suicide after unlawfully killing his partner.

Human remains believed to be those of Gina Lander, aged 46, were found in a drain at her home. She had previously been reported missing on March 16 by her partner David Stokes, 39.

He then jumped to his death off a motorway bridge between Junction 9 and 10 of the M6, near Walsall, on April 21. Detectives believe that father-of-two Mr Stokes committed suicide after he murdered Ms Lander,

disposed of her body and then reported her missing.

At an inquest in Oldbury last week, coroner Zafar Siddique concluded that she was unlawfully killed and that Mr Stokes committed suicide.

Ms Lander's daughter Shireen described Mr Stokes as 'family'. She added: "My mum was a bright, bubbly and fun person who loved life and travel and wanted to help her students as much as she could. She also was looking forward to going to Calais to volunteer in the refugee camp."

Both Ms Lander and her daughter

both hail from New Zealand, where Miss Harper is a student at the University of Auckland studying law. Her mother was a primary school teacher, and had also been involved with the Jump Jam trampoline park.

During their search for her, police confiscated Mr Stokes' computer and found online searches for 1,000 litre plastic barrels, large water heaters, cable pulling systems, industrial air fresheners, mechanical grinders, meat tendering powder, concentrated chemicals and one search for the 'best way to clean bones'.

Waste of resources claim as cameras out of action

CAMERAS designed to catch fly-tippers and vandals in Darlaston have not been working for six weeks, it has been revealed.

The two hawk-eye cameras, paid for by Walsall Council through a area partnership group funds at a cost of £5,000, have been out of use while there have been incidents of fires and flytipping.

Darlaston South councillor Doug James has called the out of action cameras a 'scandalous misuse of public funds and resources'.

In recent months there have been fires at the Boat Pub in Bentley Road - which led to a temporary road closure, reports of a fire at the former Darlaston Town FC ground and concerns over anti-social behaviour persist.

West Midlands Police spokesman Kate Baker confirmed officers were aware of problems with the cameras. But, she added, they were not the responsibility of the force to maintain.

Funds

Councillor James said: "I have ascertained from the Darlaston Area Partnership and local police team that none of the hawk-eye cameras are working in the area.

"Two were paid for from partnership funds, neither of which have been working for over six weeks. This is a scandalous misuse of public funds and resources.

"Bull Lane, Moxley has had several tyre fires and flytipping incidents during this period.

"Herbert's Park Road has also had several reported incidents of flytipping.

"Resources are being wasted as local residents suffer anti-social and criminal behaviour in their communities.

"If we are going to set up these cameras for a specific purpose, we need to make sure they are properly maintained."

Police have said they are trying to tackle anti-social behaviour in Darlaston by issuing community protection notices to offenders.

Sergeant Mo Shahid, from the Darlaston Neighbourhood Team, said: "Darlaston neighbourhood team are working closely with partners agencies such as Walsall Council and housing associations to address various issues being reported.

"Since issuing community protection notices we have seen a reduction in repeat cases being reported, allowing the police to focus on keeping your community safe and protecting you from harm."

Artist's work is simply Divine

Artist Oliver Jones whose artwork, called Divine, is on display in Walsall

STRIKING artwork challenging man's quest for bodily perfection is now on display at the New Art Gallery of Walsall.

The 'Divine' created by Oliver Jones from Shrewsbury, will be on display until November 20.

The large-scale chalk drawing is spread over three panels and hung high up in the venue's fourth floor like a religious alter-piece.

His latest image takes the tattoo artist as his subject and also draws inspiration from the Laocoön and His Sons marble sculpture, located at the Vatican, which is regarded as an icon of human agony and suffering.

According to mythology Laocoön was the priest who warned those of the city of Troy against accepting a large wooden horse from the Greeks, which as legend has it, had soldiers inside who went on to conquer the city.

He and his sons were killed for trying to expose the ruse, which was saw by the citizens as an insult to the Gods who apparently gifted them the horse.

In Jones' piece, Laocoön is replaced by a man enduring his own suffering through his quest for bodily perfection while his sons are replaced by two tattoo artists helping him to achieve his vision.

At 2pm on Saturday, October 15, Jones give a talk on the exhibition with curator Zoë Lippett.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# Tragic end for such a magic goalscorer

WHEN Dalian Atkinson ripped up the Wimbledon defence in 1992, Villa fans had never seen anything like it. Starting deep in his own half, the moment he nonchalantly ran past the opposing players like they did not exist to chip the goal-keeper from outside the penalty area, he had the goal-of-the-season competition sewn up. And it was only October.

So it comes as little surprise that a generation of football fans have put aside club rivalries to mourn the death of the former Aston Villa striker, at the tragically young age of just 48.

Atkinson was a flawed genius, who delighted and frustrated fans in equal measure. He was unquestionably one of the most talented players of his generation, but struggled with injuries and never really reached the potential he obviously possessed.

But on his day, such as that miserable wet afternoon at Selhurst Park 24 years ago, he brought huge pleasure to thousands of people. That goal will surely have been watched over and over again during the past few days.

We do not yet know circumstances surrounding Atkinson's death at the hands of a police Taser gun. His nephew said he had a heart condition, and it may well be that he had other problems, but it is unquestionably a heartbreaking end to a life for someone with so much to live for.

As the new football season gets going in earnest, it is a timely reminder that there are more important things in life than football results. And that all the fame, wealth and adulation in the world can provide no protection against personal tragedy.

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SPECULATION that grammar schools could be in line for a comeback has been met with howls of derision from the usual suspects.

The National Union of Teachers – which for some reason is taking a six-week break from its usual threats of industrial action – is predictably against the plans, saying selective schools are 'socially divisive', and do nothing to improve the chances of youngsters from 'ordinary' backgrounds.

Well over the past half century, since the introduction of the first comprehensives, we have had nine prime ministers. Two, Tony Blair and David Cameron, went to elite private schools. Of the other seven, who all came from 'ordinary' backgrounds, six went to grammar schools or similar.

Comprehensive-educated William Hague, Iain Duncan Smith and Ed Miliband had a go at taking on posh boys Blair and Cameron, but they didn't do terribly well at it, did they? The NUT says that for every grammar school there has to be a secondary modern. The NUT vision would see every child go to a secondary modern rebranded as a comprehensive.



Tons and tons of recycling waiting to be sorted



Bins left on the pavement waiting to be collected

# Why some bin rules are often rubbished

Recycling – what is OK to dispose of in one area could be rejected by a neighbouring council, as ROB COX explains

**FROM empty juice cartons to yoghurt pots and plastic bags – many people are unclear about what they can and cannot put in their recycling bins.**

And to make matters worse moving house in Staffordshire or the Black Country can change the rules entirely.

What goes in Dudley might not go in Sandwell and what is wasted in Stafford might be saved in Wolverhampton.

There are some things that are collected and recycled from all homes serviced by our region's local authorities: Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell, South Staffordshire, Stafford, Cannock and Walsall.

These include glass bottles, newspapers, magazines and cardboard.

## Nappies

And there are some items which are not accepted as street collection recycling by any of the councils including nappies and polystyrene. But there are other items where the rules are not universal.

Plastic bags are accepted in recycling bins in Stafford, Cannock, Sandwell, South Staffordshire and Walsall. But try putting them in your recycling bins in Dudley or Wolverhampton and you might find yourself in a spot of bother. Firstly, if there are notable amounts of plastic bags or other wrong items, your bin may not be collected.

And if the unsuitable items are not spotted, the whole vehicle load of recycling could be contaminated, which could result in it being rejected for recycling and diverted to landfill.

The vast majority of homes in the Black Country and Staffordshire can put out empty food containers – namely juice cartons, margarine tubs and yoghurt pots – and have them



An overflowing bin with the lid partly open is frowned upon, but residents also have to be careful with recycling bags, inset, as well

taken away for recycling from their doorstep. That is unless you live in Dudley where these items are prohibited from the borough's black boxes, blue bags and green boxes. But they can be taken to recycling banks or placed in a home's general waste bin.

Advice on Dudley Council's website, states: "Plastic items such as yoghurt pots, margarine tubs and meat trays tend to be made of lower grades of plastics that are difficult to recycle, please don't include them in your green bag."

"All of the waste we collect from your grey bin, including plastic items unsuitable for re-

cycling, is used to generate electricity rather than being sent to landfill. We are unable to collect food and drink cartons (such as fruit juice or UHT milk) through the kerbside recycling service. These can be taken to a number of recycling banks located across the borough, or disposed of in the grey bin."

Just keeping track of the information sent out by local authorities can be an ordeal. "We received a leaflet giving details of collection areas and dates for 2015-16 which included what the council called the Recycling Top 20," said one Walsall householder. "But within the

20 items listed, there were a number of stipulations such as 'no pet food pouches', 'no other types of plastic bag' other than carrier bags, and 'no tops' from glass bottles and jars."

"This leaflet was followed by another one giving only five categories of waste that could be recycled, so you had to cross-refer to the previous list – if you had kept it, that is."

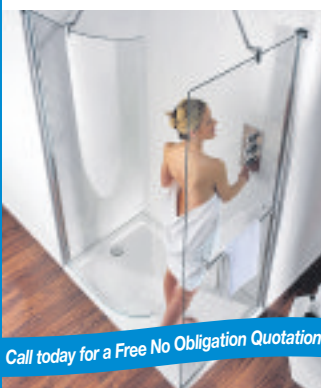
"The whole system is so complicated it's no wonder people are getting caught out putting the wrong rubbish in their bins."

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# Question over HS2 for such short journey

I HAVE no particularly strong view about the HS2 railway proposal apart from a mild scepticism about the point of such a line for so short a journey as London-Birmingham.

The successful Paris-Lyon and Madrid-Barcelona lines are over longer distances and have the 'green' advantage of offering an alternative to air travel. The line would make a lot more sense if connected to HS1, allowing direct connection to the European, but recent political events make that unlikely.

In their letter, A Davis addresses the capacity issue. The question of number of carriages in a train isn't quite

straightforward. Modern carriages with two vestibules and 'bus-like' open seating carry more passengers than those of steam days with three vestibules, compartments or, in open carriages, facing seats across tables. Service frequency is also, I think, higher than in steam days.

More importantly, his/her suggestion of double-deck carriages is a non-starter. Britain has the disadvantage of being first, and its railways were built to cautious dimensions, really based on the experience of horse-drawn road carriages. Continental railways, built to more generous proportions, can easily accommodate double deck trains.

The low platforms of continental railways also help. In a British station, it's likely that lower deck passengers would be unable to see which station they had arrived at, as they would be sitting below platform height.

The solitary experiment of double-deck trains in England - commuter trains on the southern region - was a failure, as the carriages were seriously claustrophobic. Rebuilding the British railway system to continental dimensions would be enormously expensive - perhaps as expensive as building the new line!

AT HARRISON  
Walsall

## Calling for rethink on new builds

THERE has been a marked decrease in the number of young families able to afford their own homes. People are paying more in rent than they would on a mortgage and can't save for a deposit.

There needs to be a radical rethink over how to generate house building. Houses have to be made affordable to all. Building on prime green belt land will only provide houses for the wealthy few and leave local people further behind.

Let's drop the levy on stamp duty to purchase homes to rent. We should not discourage bringing empty houses into the market. Renovation work provides jobs and income for skilled builders and materials providers. Councils, large landowning bodies, should identify small plots of land too small for large developers, that could be sold for new builds.

CLLR DOUG JAMES  
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## Cesspit of litter dropped by those with no respect

I READ the comments by Valerie Vaz's (MP for Walsall South) concerning litter in the Walsall Borough.

Ms Vaz is deluded if she thinks the people who drop litter will place their litter in a 'charity bin'. There are already plenty of bins which are ignored. The fact is that the UK has become a cesspit of litter dropped by people who have no respect. No respect for their country, their environment, their fellow citizens or for themselves.

The streets, parks and open spaces are full of toilet tissue, baby wipes, disposable nappies and cigarette ends, to name but a few. Ms Vaz would better serve her constituents if she walked around the streets with a litter grabber and a bag, as do a growing number of residents in my area of Walsall. She should lead by example.

Ms Vaz and her fellow parliamentarians have a duty and the power to enact the draconian laws which are urgently required to heavily penalise the litterers and flytippers in order to rid our once beautiful country of the scourge of litter.

E M WALTON  
Walsall

## Long wait on centres worthwhile

MY wife and I love the new leisure centres. We have looked round Bloxwich and the Gala in town, both have been built with great expertise and planning, with the user in mind, and they bear truly state of the art centres.

I hear Oak Park Leisure Centre is to be the same.

We are very lucky to have such centres and it is definitely an investment in the community and people that stands out above all else.

Congratulations to everybody involved in the construction of three lovely leisure centres, it really does put Walsall and its borough on the map. I just hope the people and community appreciate their existence, look after them and utilise them accordingly. A great reason for living in the borough I say. I have waited two and a half years to re-use the leisure centre in Bloxwich.

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# Fundraiser in memory of tragic teacher, 32



Former pupils of Miss Humpage, Jake Hinks, Chloe Ball and Lucy Parke, who have organised the event

**FORMER pupils of a much-loved teacher found dead at her home in Walsall are organising a fundraising day in her memory.**

Katie Humpage, aged 32, worked at South Wolverhampton and Bilston Academy until her death and had previously taught at Willenhall E-Act Academy.

Those she taught at the Willenhall school have now organised a day of fundraising activities to raise money for the mental health charity MIND. A fundraising page in Miss Humpage's memory has already raised more than £1,700. A charity football tournament will take place at the Furzebank Way school

on Sunday (August 21), with other attractions including a bouncy castle and refreshments on offer.

Chloe Ball, 21, who Miss Humpage taught for A-level English and law, said: "Miss Humpage was a great teacher and a wonderful person. She was so intelligent and helpful and she was great at passing on that knowledge she had to us."

"I want to bring something good out of this horrible situation and offer people another chance to remember what a great person she was."

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Teacher Katie Humpage

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## Raising a glass to pub of year award



Ken and Kim Hazell celebrate the Pub of the Year award with staff at the Old Wyrley Hall

STAFF are toasting the success of the Walsall Pub of the Year – the Old Wyrley Hall in Great Wyrley.

The pub on Olde Hall Lane, came up top trumps in the Express & Star competition, collecting 697 votes, ahead of the Noah's Ark Inn, located on Clarkes Lane, Willenhall and the Shire Oak on Lichfield Road, Walsall Wood.

Kim Hazell, who has run the pub with her husband Ken since 2004, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have won, it was a great surprise."

Andy Maxwell, circulation sales manager at Express & Star, said: "We had dozens of pubs nominated and it has been terrific to see so many customers get involved."

## Hospital extension backed

**MORE than £5 million will be invested on an expansion to Walsall Manor Hospital's neonatal unit and a new obstetric theatre.**

The £5.6m plans were given the go-ahead at a Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust Board meeting.

It comes after Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group implemented a cap aiming to reduce births at the Manor

from 4,900 a year to around 4,400 – with the possibility of further reductions – because the midwife to birth ratio is above national recommendations.

The expansion plans will go to NHS Improvement for approval. If it approves the business case, construction will start in February and last around 12 months, with birthing capacity rising back to around 4,900 per year.

Mark Sinclair, the trust's lead director for estates and facilities, said:

"Significant improvements need to take place in maternity and neonatal services to ensure the trust provides services that meet the standards that patients expect and to enable us to lift the current cap on birthing capacity."

Over the last four years the number of babies delivered at the Manor has increased. In 2015 nearly 5,000 babies were born there. In addition, around 18-19 neonatal cots were required per day – but the current neonatal unit only has 15 cots.

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# Fury as roadworks lead to gridlock

The Chronicle Thursday, August 18, 2016

**ROAD closures from Aston Expressway roadworks are causing 'traffic chaos' in the area, a councillor has said.**

Councillor Jon Hunt has penned an open letter to the regional manager of Highways England calling it a 'matter of urgency', as motorists face long delays in and around Great Barr.

It comes as the A38 Aston Expressway and Junction 6 of the M6 were shut for major roadworks. Drivers continue to face misery as the work are due to last until December.

Councillor Hunt, who represents the North Birmingham area, said: "I've sent quite a long letter as they need to sort this out as a matter of urgency.

"They just need to get on with it as it will only get worse because of the football and Bank Holidays coming up.

"It is just causing traffic chaos driving through there and to have another weekend like it will be ridiculous.

"I've had complaints from visitors as well as residents. It's just appalling that nothing has been done yet." In his letter, Councillor

Hunt states his concerns about the closures saying they are 'simply not working' and 'causing gridlock throughout the city'.

He adds that Birmingham is on 'lock-down' with 'significant effects' on traffic access to the city. He also raised concerns about the permanent closure of the slip way at Aston and the Lichfield Road southbound access.

Councillor Hunt added: "This means the A34 and the Scott Arms are having to cope with excess traffic seven days a week."

## Disruption

Highways England project manager Jess Kenny said: "There are still the night-time closures out of the city in place on the Aston Expressway and we continue to liaise with the city council to keep disruption to a minimum. We would like to thank drivers for their patience as we complete this vital scheme.

Information on the scheme, including a map of diversion routes and closure details, is available at [www.highways.gov.uk/m6-a38m-waterproofing](http://www.highways.gov.uk/m6-a38m-waterproofing).

Drivers can also get live traffic updates at [www.trafficengland.com](http://www.trafficengland.com) or by following @HighwaysWMIDS on Twitter.

## Dancing to same tune for 60 years



Diamond wedding couple Maureen and Bill Corbett of Brownhills



The happy couple on their wedding day in 1956

A GOLDEN couple who met at a dance have celebrated 60 years of happy marriage.

Maureen and Bill Corbett, of Whitehorse Road, Brownhills, marked their special day with a family meal at the Old School House Restaurant in Weeford, organised as a surprise by their three sons, Paul, David and Nigel.

The pair met at a dance in Telford where Maureen's father, a saxophonist, was performing to youngsters eager to dance the night away.

It was Maureen, 79, now who made the first move, asking Bill for a 'ladies invitation waltz' which he accepted.

Maureen said: "We had seen each other and gradually I got the confidence to ask him if he would dance with me."

The couple courted for two years before tying the knot on July 28 1956 in a ceremony at Hadley Methodist Church in Shropshire. They now have seven grand-children and nine great-grand children, and Bill, 84, said having a family had brought him and his wife together over the years.

## Targets are missed on A&E waits

ACCIDENT & emergency performance has declined at Walsall Manor Hospital despite the amount of visitors falling.

Latest figures show that in June around 601 patients out of a total of 5,777 visitors had to wait more than the recommended four-hour period to be dealt with.

The 89.6 per cent performance rate remains below the national benchmark of 95 per cent, and has fallen from the 91.1 per cent performance in May when 6,251 people came through the emergency doors.

A Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust report said: "The Full Hospital Protocol outlines the actions to be taken when emergency department capacity is exceeded and likely to remain excessive for a considerable period."

"It is designed to ensure that potential risk to patients is minimised and that excellent quality of care is maintained."

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# Motorist driven mad over car fine mix-up

**A GRANDMOTHER has been contacted by bailiffs for not paying a bridge toll in Kent.**

Yet Julie Scully was more than 140 miles away in Walsall at the time – and does not even own the offending car.

Highways England fined the 56-year-old care assistant for apparently skipping the fee at the Dartford-Thurrock River Crossing on New Year's Eve. But the grandmother-of-three was, at the time, at home in Bonner Grove, Aldridge, getting ready to welcome in the new year.

The fixed-penalty notice, with a fine of £75, was issued after a dark coloured BMW was caught on the bridge cameras – but Mrs Scully drives a red Ford Fiesta. The error appears to have arisen from the fact the registration plates share the same digits, bar a Y and V.

But despite explaining the problem on the phone to Dart Charge – which collects the fee – and having been assured the penalty would be cancelled, Mrs Scully has received almost a dozen threatening letters since. The fine has been raised to £189.50 because she has refused to cough up. Bailiffs have also written to her. Grandmother-of-three Mrs Scully said: "It has been very stressful, it is obviously not my car. I wouldn't even drive that far."

Julie's husband Paul, who has been dealing with the dispute on her behalf, added: "The main worry is the bailiffs saying they are going to come in. It is just the incompetence of it all."

Highways England has said the fine will be cancelled and have apologised for the error. A spokesman said: "A PCN was wrongly issued to Ms Scully and it should have been cancelled when she first brought the error to our attention. Mistakes like this are rare. However, we are conducting an investigation. We are contacting Ms Scully to apologise directly."



Julie Scully and her husband Paul



Mrs Scully's red Ford Fiesta



The BMW caught on camera

## Police pay out on crashes

WEST Midlands Police has paid out more than £1.3 million as compensation for road accidents involving officers during the past three years.

More than 540 claims were settled for vehicle damage and personal injury between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2015. But the figures, released under a Freedom of Information request, show that the amount paid out

per year has fallen. The bill in 2013 was £606,033 for 238 accidents and the highest single payout was £27,018.

In 2014, a total of £386,458 in compensation was paid out following 170 crashes and in 2015 the amount owed dropped to £315,527. There were also fewer incidents with 141 recorded during the 12 months. The highest single payment last year was £10,664.

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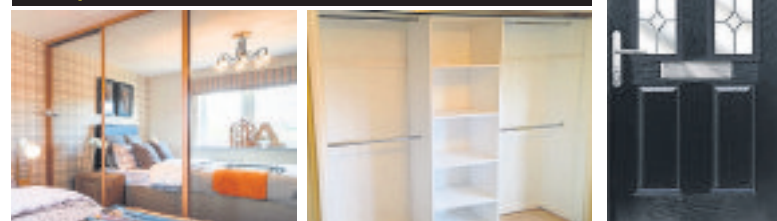
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## Pedestrian staggers across lanes of M6

A 'DRUNKEN' pedestrian was arrested after he staggered across eight lanes of the M6 near Walsall during morning rush hour traffic.

Police said officers risked their own safety by pursuing the man across live traffic lanes on the southbound carriageway of the motorway between Junction 10a and 10 for Walsall.

It happened just before 9am on Monday. Officers from the Central Motorway Police Group posted updates of the incident to its Twitter feed. It said: "Drunken pedestrian decided to stagger across all 8 lanes of the M6!! Officers have had to put themselves at risk and tackle him in live lanes."

A follow-up post said at 9.10am

stated: "M6 now clear J10. Drunk on his way to the cells." Social media users among the CMPG's 23,000 army of followers on Twitter were quick to condemn the man.

Brett Coupland said: "So unfair, hope you're all okay, selfish act."

While Vincent Dee posted: "What a numpty. You stay safe Bobby's."

## Mother in pledge on battle for free meningitis vaccine

**A MOTHER has vowed to continue her fight to get free meningitis jabs for all children after her daughter missed out on NHS deadlines by a matter of weeks.**

Julie Tuckley's son Tommy Brown became the poster boy for a campaign to lobby the Government to put the life-saving new Meningitis B vaccine, Bexsero, into the childhood immunisation schedule.



Julie Tuckley with Tommy and Jorgie

But Ms Tuckley, of Walsall, has insisted her battle is still not over despite changes to procedures made in recent years.

The Department of Health says it has to prioritise those most at risk, with the vaccination available on the NHS in the first year of a child's life, but only to children born from April 2015.

However, Julie's daughter Jorgie missed out on the free vaccine because she was born in March last year. Ms Tuckley, of Lister Close, Beechdale, said she will not rest until her daughter and others in a similar situation can get access to the vaccines for free, after seeing first hand the effect meningitis can have.

She said: "It isn't right that these deadlines are being put on things that are so important to a child's health. How can one child be given access to something as important as a meningitis vaccine but another isn't because they are born earlier?"

"I have seen first hand what can happen to a child suffering from meningitis. I wouldn't want that to happen to anyone else. I have been campaigning for this since Tommy was a baby and I will carry on doing so."

Tommy Brown, now aged four, managed to beat the odds after doctors said he only had a five per cent chance of survival. The youngster had contracted meningococcal septicaemia and doctors were forced to amputate both his lower legs, his right hand and some of the fingers on his left hand.

Ms Tuckley said: "Tommy is doing okay now, but he could always contract it again. There is a cost issue with these vaccinations too, you can pay up to £120 for one dose and if you have more than two or three children, it becomes so expensive."

## Lottie's extra specs-ial



Seventeen-year-old Lottie Locke, outside the Walsall Specsavers store

A WALSALL youngster is celebrating after being chosen as a regional semi-finalist in a national competition run by Specsavers.

17-year-old Lottie Locke was entered into the Spectacle Wearer of the Year competition by her father earlier this year and has now been chosen out of hundreds of entries from across the Midlands. To mark her achievement, Lottie was invited to her local Specsavers store in Park Street, Walsall, to receive a certificate and a £150 glasses voucher.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to have made it through to the regional semi-finals," said Lottie. "I've been

wearing glasses since I was about 10 and it was my dad who entered me into the competition this year, so it was a lovely surprise to hear I'd made it through to this stage!"

Paul O'Connell, store manager at Specsavers Walsall, added: "She represents younger specs wearers really well and we wish her the best of luck for the remainder of the competition."

If Lottie triumphs in her age category, she could go on to win £10,000, a holiday to New York and meet Kimberley at the star-studded final, which is due to take place in October.

## Integrated care unit to improve patient service

A TOP doctor has spoken about how a new unit being built at Walsall Manor Hospital will improve patient experiences.

Lead Intensive Care Consultant Dr Aditya Kuravi has said that the multi-million pound Integrated Critical Care Unit - which is currently being built at the hospital - will 'significantly' improve things for hospital patients.

The new ICU will bring together the Intensive Therapy Unit (ITU) and the High Dependency Unit (HDU) within the former West Wing main entrance.

It will create an 18-bed

unit, which is an increase of five beds compared to the current arrangement.

The preparatory work has already started with completion scheduled for winter 2018.

Dr Kuravi, who has worked for the trust for five years, said: "After years of discussions and planning it finally feels real."

"This unit will significantly improve our patients' and their family's experience."

"That's not to say we don't give them the best quality care currently, it's the environment that would be improved."

## Masked raiders who targeted vets are sought

POLICE want to find three masked men who stole a 'large amount' of money from a safe at a Great Wyrley vets. Officers think the 387 Veterinary Centre on Friday morning and have CCTV footage of the men on the building's roof.

They later made off with a safe which contained the money, the amount of which police would not confirm, and 700 painkiller tablets.

On the surgery's Facebook page, a statement was posted on Saturday night.

It said: "Some of you may have heard that 387 Vets has been broken into. Sadly

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It describes itself as an 'independently run small animal veterinary practice' which also covers Cannock, Walsall and Brownhills.

Staffordshire Police said that anyone who is offered any Tramadol tablets or have any information about the break-in should contact them immediately on 101.



# Clean-up call as borough counts fly-tipping costs

## Diamond duo celebrate



Diamond wedding couple Gordon and Doreen Morris from Aldridge



The couple on their big day

AN Aldridge couple have waltzed to 60 years of marriage after first meeting at a dance.

Gordon and Doreen Morris wed at Daw End Methodist Church, Rushall, and honeymooned in Guernsey. Fifty years later they returned there for their golden anniversary.

Gordon, aged 82, is a big Rushall Olympic fan, while Doreen, 83, has supported Walsall her whole life and is a season ticket holder. They have two daughters, Lesley-Anne and Sharon, as well as two grandsons, Jann and Coby, and granddaughter Lizzie.

To celebrate, they held a get together of family and friends in Aldridge.

The couple said they were honoured to receive a card from the Queen which took pride of place at the celebration party.

A WALSALL councillor says fly-tipping in the borough is continuing to spiral – and could cost around £500,000 to clear up this year.

It had already been estimated that people dumping their unwanted rubbish on streets around the borough would cost the authority £120,000 this year.

However in light of a recent surge, Wilsenall North councillor Ian Shires said he believes the figure could severely mount up.

Following the change in power at the authority after May's elections, Councillor Shires says more needs to be done to tackle fly-tippers.

"The cost of cleaning up after those who have little or no respect for where they live continues to spiral and could well end up at between £500,000 to £750,000 overall the way things are heading," he said.

"The message that needs to get home to those who disrespect where they live is that you tidy up your act or face the consequences."

Councillor Shires said recently that the authority was looking into potentially bringing in on-the-spot fines for fly-tippers.

### Minority

Other councils across the Black Country and Staffordshire are changing their rules to come down harder on those who discard their rubbish. He said recent site visits with the clean and green team at Walsall Council forced home the point that something needs to be done to tackle the issue.

He said: "Site visits took place last week to show the council officers first hand the effects an increasing minority are having on the environment as they continue to treat our public space as their own personal dustbin."

"Together with officers from Clean and Green we visited The Square in New Invention. We didn't confine the visit to the obvious, that being the frontages of the shops and around the bus stop and short stay car park."

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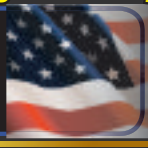


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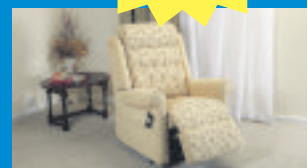
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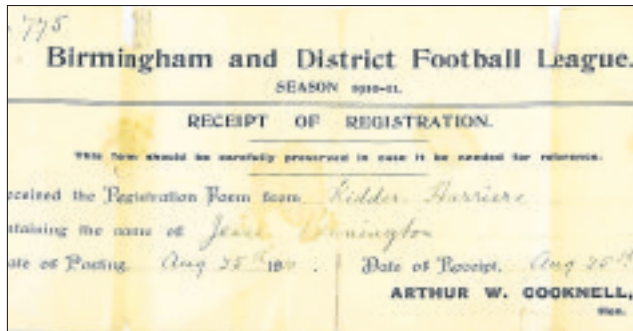


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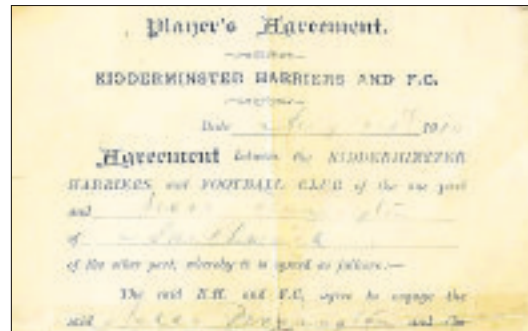




The Albion News and official programme dating back to 1922



The registration document signed by Pennington for Kidderminster Harriers



The terms are revealed in this player's agreement



Albion legend Jesse Pennington

# Pay dispute tackled by Albion star Pennington

TODAY'S West Bromwich Albion footballers earn hundreds of thousands of pounds a week while playing for the Premiership club.

But 100 years ago it was a different story for top-flight players.

Take Baggies full-back Jesse Pennington, for instance.

He made 455 appearances for the club from 1903 to 1922, and also won 25 caps for England. Yet, during a dispute with the club in 1910, Pennington was given just £4 a week during a spell for Kidderminster Harriers.

## Drawer

In today's terms that would equate to £429.62.

The pay was unveiled in a 'player's agreement' discovered in the drawer of a West Midlands home by Charles Hanson, manager of Hansons Auctioneers.

The payslip is going up for auction and has a guide price of between £80

## MEMORY LANE

By Jamie Brassington

to £120. The document shows the defender registering for the Harriers after he left Albion following the dispute.

Pennington, nicknamed 'Peerless', only spent a short time at Harriers however, amassing just one game for the outfit before resolving his dispute with Albion and he returned to the Hawthorns.

When the payslip was signed, Pennington was an England international.

His weekly wage would be dwarfed by those of professional players today - Wayne Rooney of Manchester United earns £260,000 a week, closely followed by Sergio Aguero of Manchester City who earns £240,000 a week.

Pennington had a clean football playing career. He was never booked.

He was even offered £5 by a shopkeeper called Pascoe Bioletti to lose a game against Everton on November

29, 1913, as part of a gambling plot, but Pennington refused the offer and informed the police and club.

Bioletti was subsequently arrested and later sentenced to five months in prison for attempting to influence the result.

Alongside the payslip and other items belonging to Pennington that was discovered was an Albion News and Official Programme from August 26, 1922.

## Favourite

It celebrates Jesse's retirement from the game - and reads: 'Jesse Pennington has always been a favourite wherever he has played and his sporting instincts have been a credit to himself, his country, his club and the game generally and it is to be hoped that his example will be followed by the younger generation of players.'

The items will go up under the hammer next Tuesday, August 23 in the Sporting World Cup Football auction at Hansons' showroom in Etwell, Derbyshire.



This programme will also be going under the hammer

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# Soul stirring singer and pop Blossoms

## ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

**MERCURY Prize nominated no1 album Love & Hate will establish London soul singer Michael Kiwanuka as a major force.**

This sprawling soul opus is given a brilliant atmospheric production by Danger Mouse, Inflo and Paul Butler. The husky-voiced Kiwanuka harks back to the days of Bill Withers and Gil Scott-Heron, especially on the protest soul of Black Man In A White World.

Other highlights include the melancholy I'll Never Love, heart-felt Father's Child and the hazy slowburning Place I Belong.

Kiwanuka is in concert at the O2 Institute in Birmingham on October 21.

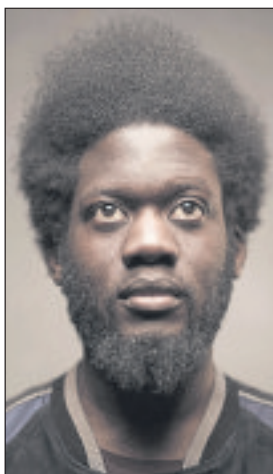
Latest indie pop sensations Stockport's Blossoms impress with a chart-topping self-titled debut packing plenty of hit-worthy songs, including the summery Charlemagne and Blondie-like At Most A Kiss.

### Institute

Fronted by guitarist and singer Tom Ogden but with Mylie Kellock's keyboards often in the forefront, the band lack the hard edge of kindred spirits Peace and the 1975 but deserve a place on any indie mix with tracks like Texia. They have My Favourite Room and Blow Draft recalls Merseyside's The Coral, whose James Skelly co-produces. Maybe the National Trust will adopt them after Blown Rose pays tribute to the stately homes of England.

Blossoms play the O2 Institute in Birmingham on September 23.

Singer and songwriter Ed Harcourt enlists Foals and PJ Harvey producer Flood to finessé his potent seventh album Furnaces. His most abrasive



Michael Kiwanuka – soul singer's second album is a major success

work to date, almost grunge-like in places, Furnaces finds Harcourt taking a look at the darkside. This ranges from the haunted apocalyptic visions of The World Is On Fire, via the beast in man of Loup Garou and the excesses celebrated by Dionysus. By album closer Antarctica the protagonist is considering a trip to the frozen continent in order to escape mankind.

Bear's Den are now a duo, Andrew Davie and Kev Jones, following the departure of guitarist Joey Haynes after the acclaimed 2014 debut Islands. On Red Earth & Pouring Rain their sound moves away from its folk-rock roots and more towards smooth 70s and 80s FM rock, akin to Fleetwood Mac and Deacon Blue. See them in action at Birmingham's O2 Institute on November 2.

Irish singer-songwriter Lisa Hannigan's sweet lilting vocals come from the folk tradition but are given a haunting modern gothic quality on *At Swim*, a part collaboration with The National's Aaron Dessner. In fact, opener Fall could appeal to Lana Del Rey fans. Prayer For The Dying is suitably mournful, while Undertow and Barton makes subtle effective use of electronic effects. The gorgeous a cappella song Anahorish was inspired the writings of Irish poet Seamus Heaney.

Lisa Hannigan plays Birmingham's Glee Club on October 25.

Packing lots of nuggets from rare vinyl, plus a few half-forgotten hits, various artists 48-track 3 CD set *I'm A Freak, Baby* is a treat for fans of obscure psych and prog rock. Homing in on the underground British rock scene of the late 1960s and early 70s, it captures the era when hippy pop-rock was morphing into something heavier.

Highlights include The Pink Fairies with Do It, The Groundhogs' Cherry Red, obscure biker band Wicked Lady with the frenetic I'm A Freak, sought-after rock rarity Zero Time from Dark, Brum outfit Velvet Fog with Yellow Cave Woman and influential hit Race With The Devil by The Gun. There are also tracks from when Brum rockers The Move featured both Roy Wood and Jeff Lynne, a young Lemmy as part of Sam Gopal's band on Escalator, The Yardbirds with Jimmy Page on guitar for Think About It, also Deep Purple and Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac.

If you want to find out from where Air and Daft Punk get their inspiration from, then pick up various artists album *Cosmic Machine The Sequel*, a second collection of rare electronic tracks from the 1970s and 80s French scene. Highlights include the lovely Moonshine by Stereo, Francis Lai's funky Young Freedom, Queen Samantha's soaring disco monster Take A Chance and even that old nugget Pop Corn gets an overhaul.

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# 18 Big thumbs-up from Jessica after vital op

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Jessica Kill, from Streely, has a rare genetic disorder and needs urgent treatment before it leaves her paralysed.

The surgery is only available in the US, where it has recorded a 95 per cent success rate.

The 38-year-old took to crowd-funding in May, calling it her 'only hope' to raise the money needed for the operation.

Following her operation, her father Richard Kill posted a picture of Jessica on [www.teamjess.co.uk](http://www.teamjess.co.uk),

giving a thumbs up from her bed. He said: "I am very pleased to report that Jessica's surgery went well and the doctor reports that the team achieved all that they set out to do."

"Jess was in the operating theatre for more than 10 hours and is now in ICU."

"Despite being in a lot of pain and discomfort she still retains her sense of humour which is remarkable given what she has just gone through."

"If her recovery goes well she will have a second, more minor, operation on the 16th."



Jessica Kill gives the thumbs-up in hospital

# Jail for crack addict who was caught trying to do drug deal

A CRACK addict caught dealing drugs in a town centre by a police officer who knew her has been jailed.

Carla Fay, from Odell Crescent, Walsall, was spotted by a police officer during a routine patrol. When the officer searched Fay, she had £200 worth of the Class A drug in a pocket. Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The 37-year-old pleaded guilty to possession of a Class A drug, crack cocaine, with intent to supply, and possession of cannabis. She also admitted breaching a suspended sentence, which was issued to her in December last year for money laundering.

Prosecutor, Mr Howard Searle,

told the court: On June 16 at around 5.30pm, a police officer on duty, who was known to the defendant having had previous dealings with her, thought he saw her involved in a drug deal.

"He searched her and discovered something in her top pocket. He found 20 wraps of crack cocaine, with a street value of around £200. She also had £120 in cash and a mobile phone on her person."

Mr Searle continued: "A search was then carried out at her home address. A quantity of cannabis was recovered consistent with personal use. She was interviewed under caution in which

she denied being a drug dealer. She has 21 previous convictions." Miss Jodie Smith, defending, said that Fay was trying to turn her life around after her mother's death. She said: "She has had a criminal lifestyle for a number of years. Drug addiction kicked in and criminality followed."

Judge Amjad Nawaz told Fay: "You knew what was expected of you when you were sentenced in December. It's clear that you were funding your own habit." She was handed an 18-month jail term for the two drug charges, with another 10 months to run consecutively for the breach of her suspended sentence.



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# Under starter's orders for gig at city's racecourse

**Matt Willis has a pretty simple requirement of fans at Busted's Wolverhampton Racecourse gig: "We want them to lose their minds."**

His band will line-up on September 3 after a day of racing. Willis and bandmates James Bourne and Charlie Simpson will play for 90 minutes with back-to-back hits like Year 3000, What I Go To School For, Crashed The Wedding, Air Hostess, and many more.

"We've played a few racecourse gigs during the summer," he says. "They came around at the last minute and we were like 'yeah, cool, book 'em'. We've done a few, the people are always up for a good time. They've been out on the lash all day watching the races. Then they want to see us come on so that they can lose their minds to a rock band. It's great fun."

The story of Busted MK II is, of course, the story of the in-out, in-out, shake-it-all-about manoeuvres of Charlie.

Matt says: "It took a while to get back together and I definitely didn't think it would happen like this. You always hope for the best but you never know what you're going to get. We all feel very protective and passionate about this band. There's something about it that means a lot to us. With McBusted, don't get me wrong, it was great to be part of it and it was a bit of a laugh but it didn't feel like our band. Busted is where it's at. This is the band that me and James started when we were kids of 16 in our bedrooms."

"It was a big thing that we came back and we were thinking Charlie wouldn't be part of it. He'd said on multiple occasions he would never come back. So me and James went to speak to him about doing something without him. Then we did McBusted, which was fun."

"But it didn't scratch that itch, it wasn't our band. It felt like we joined McFly for a couple of years, which was fun, but it wasn't ours. It didn't feel like our band. Charlie actually said yes to coming back before McBusted happened. "But by the time he'd agreed, we'd already booked that tour. So Charlie said if we waited he'd be interested. We kept in touch to see how he felt over the next year and it went from there. Then we all decided to go in the studio together and once we'd written new songs, it felt great."

The new songs are very much the point of Busted MK II. Though it would be easy for the

the old hits and crack them out and blast it if anyone can come back and go a point and blast it. "If wasn't about doing the new songs, new fan favourites. "They are keen to bring forward and create not content to sit back on their laurels. The band are really working on a new album. The band are not home as a new album. And they've been released their new song for 15 years. "Coming to work forward and evolve. In 1994 they said to us, we're back. Bob Brinkley. They wasn't about that for us. We'd done that with McBusted because if we're honest, that's exactly what McBusted was."

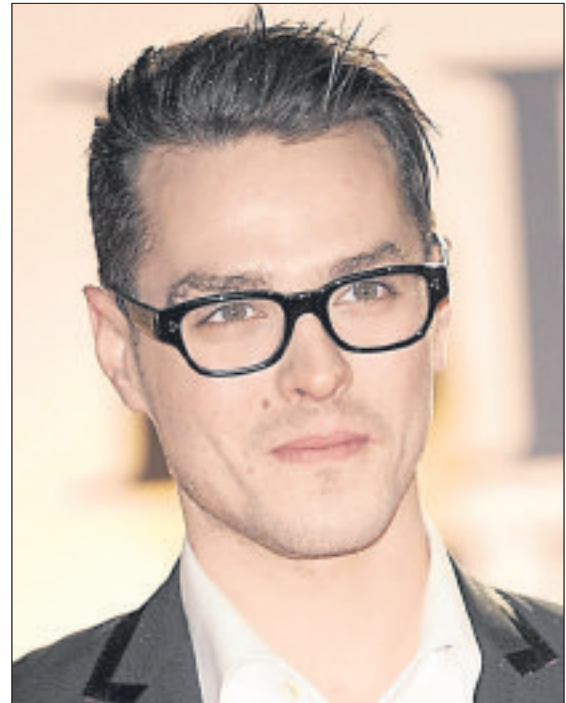
"We wanted to do something new. We had unfinished business. We wanted to make new music and we felt like we had somewhere to progress with. Writing is writing, whether you're 16 and writing about school teachers or 33 and writing about whatever else. But when it comes to recording, it's very different now. It's a different kettle of fish. We've all been around studios for many years so the art of making records is that something that we're much better at. We know what we're doing and what to achieve. We don't get led by producers in a particular direction."

But as much as Matt, James and Charlie enjoy writing and creating new songs, their favourite part is touring. Matt is an entertainer who released a solo album following Busted, which included three top 20 singles. He also won the sixth series of I'm A Celebrity and later co-presented the ITV2 spin-off show with his wife, Emma. He's also played in the revived ITV sitcom Birds of a Feather as well as starring as Luke Riley in BBC One's EastEnders.

"Touring with the band is my favourite part. If only my family could come with me it would be the best job in the world. It's the reason you start a band. However much you like songs and the studio, it's nothing on playing live."

"I think we're constantly evolving. On the last tour we just did, we did 18 dates. The band that stood up at Wembley together is a dramatically different band to the one you'll see at Wolverhampton. We're constantly finding out what works and what doesn't work. We are constantly improving and evolving. It's like starting again because we've not been together for 12 years."

"There are some things that don't become easier, like the business side. When you are 16, you sign a deal and it's wicked. You don't think about budgets and where the money is going, you just get paid. We have to run a tight ship because we want to do this for a long time. We



Matt Willis of Busted wants the fans to 'lose their minds' at racecourse gig

don't want to spend all our money and ruin it. "We have a new record out, the single is out soon and we want people to hear that and embrace it. We love this band and love being a part of it right now. It's really refreshing and awesome to be in a band where everyone wants to be part of it. We're going to be busy in 2017 and we'll be touring again in the UK and Europe."

But not before they've had a jolly good time at the races.  
By Andy Richardson

## Busted go back to school with album



Reformed Busted have released a new album

**They've sold more than five million records. Busted have also won two Brit Awards, won record of the year for their single Thunderbirds and had four UK number ones.**

The band was formed by best friends James Bourne and Matt Willis, who had been inspired by Green Day, Blink 182 and BBMak. They were formed in early 2000 and the earliest line-up featured Bourne and Willis alongside Ki Fitzgerald and Owen Doyle. That version of the band broke up within a year with Charlie Simpson and Tom Fletcher rehearsing to replace them – and Simpson getting the gig.

The band was launched in 2002 and soon made a splash on the front cover of Smash Hits. Their debut single was inspired by Willis' crush on a school teacher and was called What I Go To School For.

Busted released two studio albums, a self-titled debut, which peaked at number two and was awarded three platinum discs. The follow-up, A Present For Everyone, also peaked at number two and achieved three platinum discs.

However, Busted broke up after those records – but they are planning to release a third album later this year. It was recorded in Los Angeles and the band are already thinking about the follow up.

Bourne said: "We want this to be something that is ongoing. Anything we write now goes towards album four." The band have been packing in huge crowds on their Pigs Can Fly Tour. Willis said: "The whole pigs can fly thing sums up how we feel about this. There have been

times that we thought Busted could never, ever possibly happen and we were quite right in thinking that. But this summarises that anything is possible."

The band signed a global record deal with East West as they embark on a new chapter of their career.

Willis said: "We wrote some awesome songs together and now Busted are back."

"The three of us went into the studio with no preconceptions, and were so elated with the results that we wanted to start a new chapter of our band."

"We are having an incredible time and are now looking forward to releasing new music through a global partnership with East West."

Their record label boss, Dan Chalmers, president of East West Records, said fans were in store for great music.

He said: "Watching Busted play live and seeing people respond to their music and energy has been amazing."

"Busted have a huge global fan base who are going to be really excited to hear the new music the guys are working on."

"They've managed to combine the classic Busted sound with a modern twist, it's sure to remind people of why they love them."

"We're really happy to be working with Charlie, Matt and James."

James Bourne says: "We will definitely be playing the old classics because that's what people look forward to hearing."

"However, we also have new music, so we'll be introducing that gently as well. Some of the songs we want to put out are not initially recognisable as Busted. But then, because it's us singing them, you begin to see how they relate to our earlier stuff. They don't sound as if they

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# Galaxy of top pop stars take off to V

**SOME of the biggest names in rock and pop will take the stage when Weston Park hosts this year's V Festival.**

The grounds of the stately home near Wolverhampton will host performances from some of the biggest global names in music this weekend. Justin Bieber and Rihanna will be the headline acts for 90,000 music fans on Saturday and Sunday at Weston Park, with Sia and David Guetta playing a supporting role.

V will also feature big name artists on its MTV Stage, including perennial festival favourites Faithless and Kaiser Chiefs, as well as Tinie Tempah and Jake Bugg.

There will also be two further stages, the Dance Arena Stage featuring headline DJs Ez and Craig David's TS5.

## Comedy

The V Street Stage will feature headline sets from The Sugarhill Gang and fellow 1980s R&B stars Soul II Soul with support slots from Anne-Marie and Birmingham's Laura Mvula.

Comedy will play a big part at the event at the Glee Comedy Tent. Australian Adam Hills will lead the way and there will also be sets from Katherine Ryan, Sara Pascoe and Bill Bailey.

The BBC Radio One Summer of Dance Stage will feature Annie Mac and Gorgon City.

V Festival was Britain's first ever simultaneous twin-site, multi-day festival and visitors will be able to stay in style in a Podpad Village. New to V



Are you a Belieber.... Justin Bieber tops the bill at the V Festival this weekend

Festival 2016 is Pink Moon Camping, which offer pre-pitched tents for two, four, six or eight people, or a two-man rainbow tipi.

V Festival was launched in 1996 when Pulp frontman Jarvis Cocker said he would like to play two outdoor venues in successive days. His

promoters came up with the idea of V, originally held in Warrington and Chelmsford. It subsequently relocated to Leeds before settling at Weston Park, in 1999.

Weston Park and Hylands Park, Chelmsford, have continued to host the event for the past 16 years.

# Grease is the word at Alex

MORE than 100 local actors will feature in a special production of Grease The Musical at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre, which started last night (Wednesday) and continues until Friday night (August 20).

The annual Stage Experience production for 2016 features all of the iconic songs from the adored 1978 film starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton John, including Grease Lightnin', We Go Together and You're The One That I Want.

Venue spokesman Matthew Breen said: "Dazzling choreography, stunning costumes and set pieces will light up the New Alex stage."

The theatre's Stage Experience production will see a cast of more than 100 local nine to 24-year-olds mount a full-scale production of the much-loved musical in just two weeks.

Having auditioned in May, actors spent a fortnight being put through their paces, learning intense choreography and dance routines, as well as their lines. However, it's not just those in the spotlight who get the opportunity to shine as young people with an interest in the backstage elements turn their hands to operating lighting, sound and scene changes.

Stage Experience producer Becky Charles said: "Audiences have always been thoroughly surprised and impressed by the quality of previous productions and commitment from the cast."

Playing love birds Danny and Sandy are Jordan Ricketts, 18, from Telford, and Georgia Anderson, 20, pictured left.

To keep up to date with the latest news and find out how to audition for next year's production of West Side Story, visit facebook.com/stageexperiencebirmingham



'Audiences have always been impressed'

## Poppies are back with new line-up

REFORMED Stourbridge rockers Pop Will Eat Itself will play their only Midlands show of the year when they line up at Bilston's Robin 2 on October 2.

Pop Will Eat Itself v2.0 are Graham Crabb (original drummer, later co-frontman/vocalist & main songwriter), Mary Byker (Gaye Bykers On Acid, Apollo 440, Pigface), Tim Muddiman (Gary Numan & his own band The Strange), Jason Bowld (Bullet For My Valentine, Killing Joke, Pitchshifter) and Davey Bennett (This Burning Age). This line-up was formed in 2011 and last year released second album Anti Nasty League. See www.therobin.co.uk for details.

## Spandau star will talk about his life

NEW Romantic pop star turned actor, TV and radio presenter Martin Kemp will be discussing his life and answering fans' questions at Stourbridge Town Hall this autumn.

The 54-year-old found fame with his brother Gary in flamboyant pop group Spandau Ballet in the 1980s, before starring with his brother in 1990 hit movie The Krays.

The Londoner went on to play EastEnders villain Steve Owen and has recently hosted shows on BBC Radio 2.

Tickets for the event, on Friday October 28, cost £20. Call 01384 812 812 or see www.purpley.gov.uk/entertainment

## Elkie and Gilbert take to the stage

TICKETS have gone on sale for two shows in Birmingham next year featuring singers who found fame in the 1970s.

Birmingham Town Hall will host Elkie Brooks on February 18 and singer-songwriter Gilbert O'Sullivan on March 6.

Elkie, now 71, is best-known for the hits Pearl's A Singer, Lilac Wine, Sunshine After The Rain, Fool (If You Think It's Over), Don't Cry Out Loud and No More The Fool. Brooks' 20th studio album, Powerless, was released in 2010. O'Sullivan had chart-toppers with Clair and Get Down and last year released Latin al la G, inspired by Peggy Lee. See www.thsh.co.uk

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Meg Ryan, Hugh Grant, Richard Curtis, Rupert Everett and Stephen Merchant are among the stars celebrating the rich and varied history of the rom-com, which has made stars of the likes Renee Zellweger and Kate Hudson, among many more of Hollywood's brightest stars. This programme revisits some of the greatest rom-coms moments ever committed to film, from Meg Ryan 'climactic' scene in When Harry Met Sally to Andie MacDowell and Hugh Grant's romantic entanglements in Four Weddings and a Funeral. Tim Bevan, chairman of the production company Working Title, explains why he believes the British have surpassed American film-makers in the field of the romantic comedy.

## BBC1

**6.00** Olympic Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen. **11.30** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.00** BBC News. Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.45** Olympics 2016. Hazel Irvine presents live coverage from Rio on the 15th and penultimate day of the Games. **5.30** BBC News. **5.40** Regional Programme. **5.50** Olympics 2016. Clare Balding introduces the latest live coverage on day 15, with three live boxing finals from Rio and the men's 10m platform diving final at the Maria Lenk Aquatics Centre.

**10.20 BBC News: Weather.**  
**10.40 Match of the Day.** Highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Leicester City v Arsenal at King Power Stadium, and Burnley v Liverpool at Turf Moor. The Foxes were appearing at home for the first time as reigning champions, and will have hoped to perform better than they did when hosting the Gunners last season, when they fell to a 5-2 defeat. Meanwhile, The Clarets played their first home game since returning to the top flight since winning the Championship last term, and were looking to register a first Premier League win over Liverpool, having previously lost all four encounters. Plus, action from Stoke City v Manchester City, Swansea City v Hull City, Tottenham Hotspur v Crystal Palace, Watford v Chelsea, West Bromwich Albion v Everton, and Manchester United v Southampton from Friday night. National Lottery Update.

**12.10** Olympics 2016. Jason Mohammad presents as the 15th and penultimate day of the Games draws to a close. Various athletics finals take place at the Olympic Stadium including the men's 5,000m at 01.30, which is expected to feature defending champion Mo Farah. The Brit has dominated the event in recent years, not only picking up Olympic gold on home soil but also winning three successive world titles since 2011. Before then, there is the women's high jump final at 00.30, the men's javelin final at 0.55, the men's 1500m final at 01.00 and the women's 800m final at 01.15, with the women's and men's 4x400m relay finals following the men's 5,000m at 02.00 and 02.35 respectively. The women's +67kg and men's +80kg taekwondo finals also take place at Carioca Arena 3 at 02.00 and 02.15, and the women's volleyball final starts at 02.15 at Maracanazinho. **4.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **4.05** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.15 Film:** Night Song. (1949) **7.55** Film: Whisky Galore! (1949) **9.15** Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016. Action from day 14 at the Olympic Games in Rio. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.30** Fog It! (R) **3.00** Full Steam Ahead. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.30** Olympics 2016. Badminton and diving highlights on day 15. **5.50** The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R)

**6.00** Gardeners' World. Horticultural ideas and advice. (R)  
**6.30** Dad's Army. Walmington-on-Sea leaves its mark on a visiting French general when the platoon repaints Lady Matthy's Rolls-Royce just in time for an official engagement. (R)

**7.00** Proms Extra. Katie Derham looks at Rachmaninov, the John Wilson Orchestra performing Gershwin and visits the Proms event taking place at Shakespeare's Globe theatre.

**7.40** BBC Proms 2016. Katie Derham presents as-live from the Royal Albert Hall as Valery Gergiev conducts the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra in three popular classics - Ravel's hypnotic Bolero, the ravishing suite from Richard Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier and Rachmaninov's romantic Piano Concerto No 3, featuring young pianist Behzod Abduraimov. Plus, Gaila Ustvol'skaya's searing Symphony No 3, subtitled Jesus Messiah, Save Us!, with text read by Alexei Petrenko.

**9.40** Edinburgh Nights. Kirsty Wark talks to Booker prize-winning author James Kelman about his new novel, and meets playwrights and performers who are exploring themes of love relationships and fidelity.

**10.10** The National Lottery Live. Sonali Shah presents live as the winning Lotto and Thunderball numbers are revealed. Plus, more from the Team GB athletes claiming medals at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

**10.20** Olympics 2016. Clare Balding and Mark Chapman present the latest action on day 15 in Rio, including highlights of the men's modern pentathlon combined race and taekwondo quarter- and semi-finals.

**12.10 Film:** Infamous. (2006) **2.05** Film: Oslo, August 31st. (2011) **3.30** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Soaky. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.35** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.00** Ninjago: Rise of the Snakes. (R) **8.25** TV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** Film: Columbo: Identity Crisis. (1975) **1.25** TV News: Weather. **1.35** River Monsters. (R) **2.00** The Chase. (R) **3.00** Doc Martin. (R) **4.05** Film: The Mummy Returns. (2001) Fantasy adventure.

**6.20** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.30** ITV News: Weather.

**6.45** You've Been Framed! Gold. More comical mishaps submitted for approval by viewers, including a baby vomiting on a laptop, a boy's encounter with an explosive egg, and a dog that takes a shine to a teddy bear. (R)

**7.15** Spottess. New series. Physical game show in which couples enter immaculate white rooms to complete fiendish wet paint-based games. However, the challenge here isn't to complete the task in record time, instead success rests on their ability to emerge from the ordeal clean and pristine. State-of-the-art 3D scanning technology and high-definition cameras are on hand to help determine whether the competitors have remained spotless enough to claim the cash prize.

**8.15** Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, in which contestants Petra Dunne, Sara Manchipp and Zechariah Hemans are challenged to "see it and say it". Last in the series.

**9.00** Film: The Bourne Supremacy. (2004) The amnesiac assassin is living quietly in hiding, until his former employers come after him again and murder his girlfriend. A CIA operation has ended in disaster, and those responsible intend to clear their names by implicating Bourne. As the former secret agent tries to evade the hitmen on his trail, he also struggles to piece together the truth about his past. Action thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon.

**11.00** ITV News: Weather. **11.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **12.10** Jackpot247. **3.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.15** The Grid. **6.40** Gillette World Sport. **7.05** Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.20** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** The Simpsons. (R) **1.15** The Simpsons. (R) **1.45** Channel 4 Racing. Coverage of the final day of the Ebor Festival at York, plus racing from Sandown Park. **4.30** Come Dine with Me. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.35** Come Dine with Me. Fragrance seller Justina is hoping to wow her guests in Preston with a vegan menu and performs reiki on her food to make sure she is in with a chance of winning the £1,000 prize.

**6.05** Come Dine with Me. It is the final night in and around Preston and the turn of confident company director Anthony Smith, who is hoping for a winning mix of finger-licking food and fine dining.

**6.35** Channel 4 News.

**7.00** Film: Men in Black 3. (2012) An alien criminal escapes from a prison on the moon and goes back in time on a mission of revenge, changing the course of history. Agent J of the top-secret Earth defence organisation follows him back to 1969, and joins forces with a younger version of his mentor Agent K to set things right. Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith, Josh Brolin and Tommy Lee Jones.

**9.00** There's Something About Romcoms. Hollywood stars shed light on the making of celebrated rom-coms, from When Harry Met Sally through to Four Weddings and a Funeral and the Bridget Jones films.

**10.35** Film: I Give It a Year. (2013) A couple marry after a whirlwind romance, but family and friends have doubts about the relationship. As their first anniversary approaches, they both begin to wonder if they are right for each other, especially when faced with more appealing alternative partners. Romantic comedy, with Rose Byrne, Rafe Spall, Anna Farris and Simon Baker.

**12.30** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **1.20** Film: Call Girl. (2012) **3.45** Hollywoods. (R) **5.45** Superfoods: The Real Story. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **8.25** The Fairly OddParents. **9.00** The Saturday Show Live. **11.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **3.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **5.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

**6.05** NCIS: Los Angeles. Callen, Sam and the team spring into action when fellow agent Dom activates a distress signal. They track down his car, which is riddled with bullet holes, and Eric intercepts a signal from his phone, tracing it to a house that contains nothing but some used medical supplies and a dead body. Crime drama, starring Chris O'Donnell and LL Cool J. (R)

**7.00** NCIS Movie: Race Against Terror. Feature-length episode. Gibbs is injured in an explosion while conducting inquiries aboard a ship. He lapses into a coma, during which he has flashbacks of the past he has always kept hidden. Meanwhile, Tony takes over the investigation, but his approach begins to cause friction. (R)

**8.50** 5 News Weekend.

**9.00** Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Sheffield Wednesday v Leeds United at Hillsborough, Birmingham City v Wolverhampton Wanderers at St Andrew's, and Bristol City v Newcastle United at Ashton Gate.

**10.00** Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two.

**10.30** Celebrity Big Brother. Catching up with the celebrities as they react to Friday night's eviction, revealing how the latest departure has affected the remaining contestants.

**11.30** V Festival 2016. The first of two live programmes offering viewers at home a chance to see the headline performance by Justin Bieber at the festivals in Chelmsford and Staffordshire.

**12.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **4.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R) **5.15** Nick's Quest. (R)

## DIGITAL

## BBC Four

**1.00** Olympics 2016 **2.00** Britain on Film: Messing About in Boats **3.00** Sounds of the 70s **3.00** Acoustic at the BBC **3.55** Close

## ITV2

**11.45** The X Factor: Top 10 Worst Auditions **12.45** Ninja Warrior UK **1.45** You've Been Framed: Gold: A **2.45** Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) **3.45** FYI Daily **3.50** Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) **4.50** The X Factor: Top 10 OMG! Moments **5.55** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **9.00** Film: Hall Pass (2011) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: Hall Pass (2011) **11.05** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.35** The Cleveland Show **2.30** Mom **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

## ITV3

**2.45** Film: Calamity Jane (1953) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55** Film: Calamity Jane (1953) **4.55** Foyle's War **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.05** Inspector Morse **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.50** Teleshopping

## ITV4

**1.00** Film: The Secret War of Harry Frigg (1967) **2.10** FYI Daily **2.15** Film: The Secret War of Harry Frigg (1967) **3.25** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **4.55** The Motorbike Show **6.00** World Series of Darts: Sydney **9.30** Storage Wars **10.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **11.00** Film: Child's Play 2 (1990) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05** Film: Child's Play 2 (1990) **12.45** The Sweeney **1.45** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

## E4

**11.00** Match in Chelsea: South of France **12.00** New Girl **12.30** The Goldbergs **2.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.30** Film: Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Die Hard (1988) **11.40** Gogglebox **1.20** RuDe Tube: Animal Madness **2.25** Broke Girls **3.05** Angie Tribeca **3.30** Gogglebox **4.10** The Mindy Project **4.50** Revenge

## Film4

**11.00** Catch That Kid (2004) **1.00** Short Circuit 2 (1988) **3.20** Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (2009) **6.20** Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (2003) **9.00** The Purge (2013) **10.40** Cheap Thrills (2013) **12.20** In Fear (2013) **2.00** Donkey Punch (2008) **4.00** Close

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Phoebe Waller-Bridge

**Feabag (BBC2, 10pm)**  
New series. Comedy, written by and starring Phoebe Waller-Bridge, based on her one-woman stage show about a woman wrestling with the demands of modern living through a mixture of bravado and casual sex. Feabag struggles to make ends meet in the frenetic world of contemporary London as she tries to work out what she should be doing with her life. With Olivia Colman, Hugh Dennis, Ben Aldridge, Jamie Demetriou, Hugh Skinner, Sian Clifford, Sean Richards-Mulzac, Jenny Rainsford, Tree Waller-Bridge, Sarah Daykin, Bill Paterson and Jordan Long.

BBC1

**6.00** Olympic Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **12.45** BBC News: Weather. **1.00** Olympics 2016. Live coverage from Rio on the 16th and final day. **5.00** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Countryfile. **6.30** Olympics 2016. Further live coverage on day 16 in Rio, as the Games of the XXXI Olympiad draw to a close. Men's boxing takes centre stage at RioCentro, with the light-welterweight final at 19.00 followed by the super-heavyweight final at 19.15. Team GB's reigning Commonwealth and European Games champion Joe Joyce entered the competition hoping to emulate fellow Londoner Anthony Joshua, who won the gold medal four years ago and is now IBF heavyweight champion in the professional ranks. From 21.00, there is a review of the Games, featuring all the highs, lows and memorable moments from the first summer Olympics to be held in South America. **9.00** Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould try to uncover the truth behind three mysterious portraits. The paintings in question are that of a child, thought to have been painted by modern artist Willem de Kooning, the image of a lady, considered the work of 18th-century society painter Philip Mercier, and a portrait of an old general, attributed to the 19th-century German master Adolph von Menzel. The investigation forces the duo to embark on a worldwide quest, taking them from Miami, Florida, to Berlin and a small town in Belgium. Last in the series. **10.00** BBC News. **10.20** Regional Programme. **10.30** Match of the Day 2. Manish Bhasin presents action from the latest Premier League matches, which were Sunderland v Middlesbrough, and West Ham United v Bournemouth. **11.25** Olympics 2016. Live coverage of the closing ceremony from the Maracana in Rio, including the extinguishing of the flame and the handover to 2020 hosts Tokyo. **4.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.45** Countryfile. (R) **7.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) **9.15** Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016. Action from the 15th and penultimate day in Rio. **1.00** Film: Pal Joey. (1957) Musical comedy, starring Frank Sinatra. **2.45** Flog It! (R) **3.25** Highlands: Scotland's Wild Heart. (R) **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Olympics 2016. Further live action on the 16th and final day in Rio. **6.30** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers. Nick Park's Oscar-winning animation, in which the inventor and his dog find their lives turned upside down by their villainous penguin lodger. (R) **7.00** Cats v Dogs: Which Is Best? Chris Packham and Liz Bonnin present the first of two programmes in which they put their canine chums and feline friends under the microscope, with the aim of answering the age-old question – which are best, cats or dogs? The animals go head to head in a series of rounds testing different aspects, beginning in this edition with intelligence, sensory powers and physical prowess. On the search for answers, dog-lover Chris comes face to face with a pack of wolves, while feline fan Liz confronts an Arabian wild cat to discover how the relationship between humans and their pets have evolved. (R) **8.00** Robot Wars. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present more battles, featuring one of the tallest robots to ever enter the arena, a mechanical lobster, and a machine with spinning teeth. **9.00** Dragons' Den. The panel assesses more money-spinning ideas, including an unusual coffee lid, a range of conus-based products, and a safety device for hairstyling gadgets. Evan Davis presents. **10.00** Feabag. New series. Comedy, written by and starring Phoebe Waller-Bridge as a woman wrestling with the demands of modern living through a mixture of bravado and casual sex. **10.30** Murder in Successville. New series. DI Sleet is framed for the murder of Nick Knowles. It falls to his latest celebrity sidekick Vicky Pattison to clear his name. **11.00** Film: Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll. (2010) NYPD: Biggest Gang in New York? (R) **2.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Scooby. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.35** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.00** Ninjago: Rise of the Snakes. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** Film: Columbo: Swan Song. (1974) **1.15** ITV News: Weather. **1.20** Long Lost Family. (R) **2.20** The Chase. (R) **3.20** Film: The Incredible Hulk. (2008) Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton. **5.25** Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh. (R) **6.25** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.40** ITV News: Weather. **7.00** The Zoo. In Regent's Park, keeper Paul Kybett notices a 15-year-old lioness is not feeding, so vet Tai Strike and her team are called in to perform an emergency exploratory operation. The animal appears to be getting better after the procedure, but then takes a turn for the worse, leaving staff facing one of the most difficult decisions of all. Meanwhile, keeper Graeme Williamson begins a new role training chimps one-on-one, and at Whipsnade, an Asian elephant calf takes its first steps guided by its mother. Narrated by Sarah Lancashire. (R) **8.00** Midsomer Murders. An international cycling competition comes to the Midsomer village of Burwood Mantle, but when the race leader is murdered, DCI Barnaby and DS Nelson must investigate. During the race's finale, the victim overlooks his team-mate to win, leaving the team owner annoyed that he disobeyed his orders, and the rival manager disappointed that his team lost. However, as the pair look into the case, they find themselves drawn into a competitive world of blackmail, bribery and bloodshed, where winning comes at any cost. (R) **10.00** ITV News: Weather. **10.20** Slow Train Through Africa with Griff Rhys Jones. The comedian travels through Zambia and Zimbabwe. (R) **11.15** Tipping Point. Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz show. (R) **12.15** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** Shipping Wars. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Frasier. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **8.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons: Mr Burns Day. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons: Mr Burns Day. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons: Mr Burns Day. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons: Mr Burns Day. (R) **2.30** The Simpsons: Mr Burns Day. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons: Mr Burns Day. (R) **3.30** The Simpsons: Mr Burns Day. (R) **4.00** The Simpsons: Mr Burns Day. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **6.30** Channel 4 News. **7.00** Posh Pawn. New series. A sculptor wants to sell a life-size statue of David Beckham, James takes a rare Porsche for a spin, and Claudia values a pair of designer handbags for a customer who is trying to fund a mansion for her cat. A member of the team drops a bombshell as a rival high-end pawnbroking store opens its doors in Manchester City Centre. **8.00** Film: Transformers: Dark of the Moon. (2011) Premiere. The heroic autobots discover that a spaceship from their own planet crashed into the moon decades ago, carrying their former leader and an incredibly powerful device. They must fight to defend the human race from their enemies the decepticons plot to use this machine to rebuild their own world and destroy the Earth. Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel and Rosie Huntington-Whiteley. **11.00** Film: The Grey. (2011) Eight stranded oil rig workers must make a gruelling journey across the Alaskan tundra, stalked by a pack of ferocious wolves. Adventure, starring Liam Neeson and Frank Grillo. **1.10** Friday Night Dinner. (R) **1.40** Walking the Himalayas. Levison Wood returns to the site of his car crash to resume the journey. (R) **2.35** The World's Wildest Weather. Featuring popcorn-like snow in South Carolina. (R) **3.30** China: Treasures of the Jade Empire. Exploring the tombs of China's greatest dynasty. (R) **4.25** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. A family from Yorkshire seeks a new home in Adelaide. (R) **5.15** Location, Location, Location. Catching up with two couples who had high expectations. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Pets. (R) **7.10** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.50** Shimmer and Shine. **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** The Fairy OddParents. **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Film: Christmas Song. (2012) Romantic drama, with Natasha Henstridge and Gabe Hogan. **1.45** Film: The Christmas Bunny. (2010) Family drama, starring Sophie Bolen. **3.40** Film: Lucky Christmas. (2011) Romantic drama, with Elizabeth Berkley and Jason Gray-Stanford. **5.25** Film: Defending Santa. (2013) Festive drama, starring Dean Cain. **7.00** Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud. Iain Lee narrates a compilation of amusing and outrageous Christmas-themed videos that have taken the internet by storm in a seasonal special showcasing hilarious online clips with a festive twist. Examples include the unpredictable reactions of youngsters, from the adorable moment a young boy catches Santa Claus delivering presents on his webcam to the tantrum to end all tantrums thrown by one child who does not receive the gifts he was expecting. (R) **8.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Christmas Special. The debt collection agents grapple with moral dilemmas during the festive period, including a young family who are made homeless when the landlord repossesses their home. (R) **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Celebrity Big Brother. The remaining housemates embark on the final week, knowing only one of them can be crowned Celebrity Big Brother winner on Friday night. The past four weeks has certainly seen quite a few fall-outs – will things get better or worse as the celebrities battle to eye up the prize? **10.00** V Festival Live. The second of two live broadcasts from the festival. **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Suspects: The Enemy Within. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Four**  
**1.00** Olympics 2016 **10.00** Secret Voices of Hollywood **11.30** Entertaining the Troops **12.30** Fifities British War Films: Days of Glory **1.30** Dancing in the Blitz: How World War Two Made British Ballet **2.30** Secret Voices of Hollywood **4.00** Close  
**ITV2**  
**12.20** The X Factor: Top 10 OMG! Moments **1.20** Fame Me Out **2.50** You've Been Framed! **3.20** Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25** Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) **5.25** The Xtra Factor: Top 10 Judge Moments **6.25** Film: Corpse Bride (2005) **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30** Film: Corpse Bride (2005) **8.00** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **10.00** Film: Guy 12.00 American Dad! **12.55** Bordertown **1.25** The Cleveland Show **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**11.40** Film: Calamity Jane (1953) **12.40** A Touch of Frost **2.55** Wycliffe **4.05** Film: That's Carry On (1978) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** Film: That's Carry On (1978) **5.55** Margery and Gladys **8.00** Royal Stories **9.00** Million Dollar Princesses **10.05** Film: The Young Victoria (2009) **11.05** FYI Daily **11.10** Film: The Young Victoria (2009) **12.10** Wire in the Blood **3.00** May the Best House Win **4.40** Rising Damp **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen  
**ITV4**  
**1.40** Film: Deströy (1954) **2.40** FYI Daily **2.45** Film: Deströy (1954) **3.45** Film: The Secret War of Harry Frigg (1967) **4.45** FYI Daily **4.50** Film: The Secret War of Harry Frigg (1967) **6.00** Mr Bean **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special **9.05** Film: State of Play (2009) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10** Film: State of Play (2009) **11.40** Film: Transporter 3 (2008) **12.40** FYI Daily **12.45** Film: Transporter 3 (2008) **1.45** Highway Patrol **2.10** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **3.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**12.00** Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **2.30** Film: Turner & Hooch (1989) **4.35** The Goldbergs **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **10.00** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **11.00** Gogglebox **12.40** Rude Tube: Ultimate Champions **1.45** Containment **2.40** Gogglebox **3.20** Hollyoaks  
**Film4**  
**1.00** Marmaduke (2010) **2.45** The Spy Next Door (2010) **4.35** Big (1988) **6.40** A Good Year (2006) **9.00** 3:10 to Yuma (2007) **11.25** The Paperboy (2012) **1.35** Sroczek (1977) **3.50** Close

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### MONDAY

#### Expecting Amish, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An Amish teenager joins her friends in Los Angeles, expecting to return home after a year and marry her boyfriend. She has an affair with a DJ during the break, which shakes her devotion to her culture. When she realises she is pregnant, she faces being ostracised from her family. Drama, starring AJ Michalka and Alyson Stoner. (2014)

### TUESDAY

#### White Oleander, BBC1, 11.20pm

A 15-year-old girl's happy life is thrown into upheaval when her mother is sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering her lover. Astrid spends the rest of her adolescence drifting from one foster home to another, but her mother remains a constant influence in her life. Drama based on Janet Fitch's novel, starring Alison Lohman, Michelle Pfeiffer, Renee Zellweger, Robin Wright and Billy Connolly. (2002)



Keeping Rosy, Thursday, BBC1, 11.30pm

### WEDNESDAY

#### The Fourth Kind, Channel 4, 12.55am

A psychiatrist in an Alaskan town interviews traumatised patients claiming to suffer from nightmares. Using hypnosis to recover their deepest memories, she is horrified to find evidence they may have been abducted by aliens in an extraterrestrial conspiracy that continues to affect the area. Sci-fi horror, starring Milla Jovovich. (2009)

### THURSDAY

#### Keeping Rosy, BBC1, 11.30pm

A businesswoman who has devoted her life to running a media agency is betrayed by her partners. Emotional and angry, she commits an uncharacteristic violent act and takes increasingly desperate measures to make amends and protect an innocent from further harm. Thriller, starring Maxine Peake. (2014)

### FRIDAY

#### Bird on a Wire, ITV, 10.40pm

A police informant responsible for the conviction of a drug dealer enters a witness protection scheme. Years later, his former college sweetheart recognises him at a petrol station, blowing his cover. Comedy adventure, with Mel Gibson and Goldie Hawn. (1990)

# Contestants hope to rise to the challenge

The Olympics are over, so now it's time for another prestigious competition to begin – the hunt for Britain's best amateur baker. And this one involves a lot more cake...

Last year's Great British Bake Off was the most successful series to date, with more than 13 million viewers tuning in to watch Nadiya Hussain take the trophy. It also provided plenty of talking points, including Paul Jagger's amazing bread lion, which won a special commendation from judge Paul Hollywood, a man who isn't known for being easily impressed.

So will the latest run be able to top it? Well, the signs are promising as it seems that after six series of making double entendres and consoling contestants about their soggy bottoms, this time around, presenter Mel Giedroyc has caught the baking bug herself.

She told Prima Magazine: "For the first time this year, I have actually done some!"

"Paul gave us a good recipe for no-knead bread and Sue showed me

how to make soda bread. Cake-wise, we made a pineapple upside-down sponge, which was a bit of a hit with the crew. And I really loved making it."

In fact, she enjoyed it so much that she's admitted that she's discussed opening up a tearoom with co-presenter Sue Perkins once Bake Off is finished.

That won't be for a while yet though, as the new series gets under way and we meet the dozen bakers who will be hoping to wow us with their pastry.

Every year, the standard seems to get higher, and judges Paul and Mary Berry have come up with 30 new challenges designed to test their technical know-how and creative flair. From bread to biscuits, and high-end patisserie to store cupboard classics via beautiful botanical creations, the class of 2016 will have to prove they can do it all.

In the first edition, the focus is on cakes as Paul and Mary take the hopefuls back to basics by asking them to whip up a British classic in

the signature challenge. However, we shouldn't take that to mean that the contestants are being eased in gently, as the judges will be as exacting as ever.

Then it's on to the dreaded technical challenge, which sees them getting to grips with fatless sponges and tricky chocolate work as they attempt to make a popular little cake.

Finally, it's the showstopper, which gives them a chance to really impress – but Paul and Mary are looking for perfection, and someone has to go home...

If that's not quite enough Bake Off action for one week, the episode is followed by The Chronicles of Nadiya, which sees the reigning champion going back to her family's roots in Bangladesh, where she shares some of her favourite recipes.

Then on Friday, BBC Two brings us The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice, as Jo Brand looks at some of the highlights – and lowlights – of the first edition, and chats to the first baker to be evicted from the tent.



The Great British Bake Off, Wednesday, BBC1, 8pm

# BEST OF THE REST

### MONDAY

#### 500 Questions

##### ITV, 9pm

New series. General knowledge quiz hosted by writer and broadcaster Giles Coren in which contestants bank cash as they progress through rounds of 50 questions, but are eliminated if they answer three in a row incorrectly. This is an intense battle of brainpower that will test even the cleverest of contestants with a relentless stream of demanding questions, meaning intellect, strategy and stamina are all essential in order to win as there are no help, hints or multiple choice options to fall back on.

### TUESDAY

#### One Of Us

##### BBC1, 9pm

Juliet Stevenson and an equally top drawer cast star in this new drama set in the remote Scottish Highland village of Braeston. When two childhood sweethearts are killed on their return from honeymoon, their families are understandably devastated to hear of the deaths, but their world is turned upside down when the murderer arrives badly injured on their doorstep the night after the killing, leaving them with a terrible dilemma. Good support comes from Joanna Vanderham.

### Beauty and the Baker

#### Channel 4, 10pm

New series. Israeli comedy drama about a baker and a megastar who are galaxies apart but find that sparks fly when their worlds collide. Baker Amos still lives at home with his parents in a cramped apartment in a Tel Aviv suburb and after separating from his nagging girlfriend of nine years, his life changes forever when he meets Noa, one of the richest and most beautiful women in Israel. Starring Aviv Alush. In Hebrew.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Can Britain Have a Payrise?

##### BBC2, 8pm

New Prime Minister Theresa May has pledged to focus on rewarding hard-working people with higher wages – and there are a lot of people in the UK who will be hoping that applies to them. One in five working adults are officially classed as low paid, and nearly half the British workforce earns less than £20k a year, but can we really expect that to change? James O'Brien and Stephanie

McGovern host a studio debate with 100 people from around the country who represent a different pay levels and who will be answering some very big questions, including whether British employees work hard enough and if bosses are paid too much. Stephanie will also be speaking to experts about the impact Brexit will have on our salaries.

### The Watchman

#### Channel 4, 9pm

Stephen Graham is undoubtedly one of Britain's finest actors, one equally comfortable in Shane Meadows' brilliant urban drama This Is England and the period American setting of Boardwalk Empire. We last saw him in the BBC's The Secret Agent, and now he's back on our screens in this one-off drama, playing father-of-two Carl, a CCTV operator who spends his working days alone, watching the world through a series of screens. But Carl is becoming increasingly horrified and frustrated by the events he witnesses, and particularly by what he considers to be the police's inability to bring criminals to book. ▶ When they refuse to tackle a group of drug dealers, Carl decides to intervene – setting in motion a terrifying chain of events.



One Of Us, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

### THURSDAY

#### The Premier League Show

##### BBC2, 10pm

New series. Gabby Logan and Ian Wright present the magazine programme featuring news and action from the Premier League, plus interviews with the country's biggest football stars. In the first edition, Gary Lineker chats to Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp, who led the Reds to the finals of the League Cup and Europa League in his first season in charge. A 4-0 thrashing of Barcelona during pre-season will have done much to lift the spirits, despite being followed by a thumping 4-0 loss away to FSV Mainz 05 just 24 hours later.

### FRIDAY

#### Celebrity Big Brother: Live Final

##### Channel 5, 9pm

Former I'm a Celebrity winner Christopher Biggins was once the darling of the reality TV stage. After being banished from the house at an early stage for some unguarded remarks, the one-time series' favourite will probably be maintaining a low profile as the denouement is played out. Emma Willis presents highlights of the past 24 hours, before one of the remaining housemates is declared winner. In the aftermath of the big announcement, Emma chats to those residents who made the last day.

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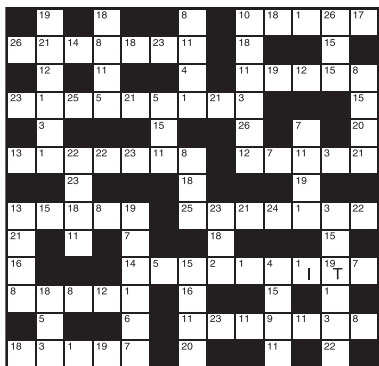
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
H	W	S	V	A	T	C	L	M	P	X	B	U
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Y	Q	I	O	J	F	Z	E	N	K	G	D	R

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

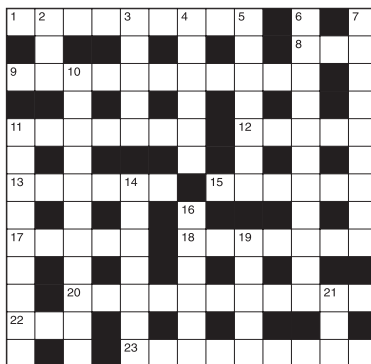
### Cryptic Clues:

### Across

1. A hearty meal of leguminous food? (4-5)
8. It's currently charged in associations (3)
9. This is just a mess! (4,7)
11. Plenty upset about a fine (7)
12. It's gloomy when five hundred get back (5)
- 13 & 15Ac. The fairies associated with Lilliput (6,6)
15. See 13 Across
17. The sailor in bed is an early explorer... (5)
18. ...as seen in strange tales of the briny! (3-4)
20. Exhausted, in an attitude of prayer (2,4,5)
22. Structure that is just antiluvian! (3)
23. Sham head-bede (3 - don't believe it! (9)

## Down

2. Sound receiver used in the army (3)
3. The point that will give a well-defined image (5)
4. A din we hear causes vexation (6)
5. Foot-plate (7)
6. Part of the service provided for the main meal (6,5)
7. As a rebel, he could be unresting (9)
10. Very small tomes kept by the secretary (6,5)
11. Male cop in disguise (9)
14. Causes a detonation - exacts no penalty (4,3)
16. In addition to being a bigwig (2,4)
19. Frank Lester reveals a low joint (5)
21. I will show each good omen, initially (3)



**Quick Clues:**

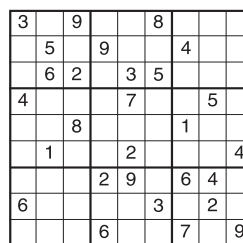
### Across

1. Uncompounded (9)
8. Abrade (3)
9. Finite (11)
11. Duck (7)
12. Rub clean (5)
13. Fracture (6)
15. Attract (6)
17. Memorise (5)
18. Designate (7)
20. Instructive (11)
22. Tin (3)
23. Inspid (9)

## Down

2. Untruth (3)
3. Mistake (5)
4. Strove (6)
5. Bond (7)
6. Foreboding (11)
7. Hateful (9)
10. Disposition (11)
11. Disproportion (9)
14. Guide (7)
16. Worry (6)
19. Self-esteem (5)
21. Idiot (3)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S  
SOLUTIONS >

7	2	1	8	4	9	5	3
3	4	8	5	1	6	9	7
9	6	5	7	3	2	8	1
4	7	2	6	5	1	3	9
5	1	3	4	9	8	2	6
6	8	9	3	2	7	4	5
2	3	6	9	7	4	1	8
1	9	7	2	8	5	6	4
8	5	4	1	6	3	7	2

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
 CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Norman; 8 Repeat; 10  
 Wagoner; 11 Total; 12 Hind; 13 Piano; 17 Forte;  
 18 Mate; 22 Ropes; 23 Contest; 24 Stress; 25  
 Gertha. Down: 1 Know the; 2 Origins 3 Paint;  
 4 Heading; 5 Parts; 6 Strike 8 Armistice; 14  
 Possess; 15 Magenta; 16 Central; 19 Brush; 20  
 Spare; 21 Under. QUICK - Across: 7 Ration; 8  
 Strife; 10 Venture; 11 Rogue; 12 Deep; 13 Pinch  
 17 Tepid; 18 Mute; 22 Start; 23 Niggard; 24  
 Depart; 25 Detain. Down: 1 Provide; 2 Stunted;  
 3 Bogus; 4 Attract; 5 Tinge; 6 Repel; 9 Deficient;  
 14 Lecture; 15 Runaway; 16 Heading; 19 Aside;  
 20 Hapov; 21 Acree.

## Quiz

1. Which sinister oriental villain was the creation of Sax Rohmer?
2. On which island is the active volcano Pico de Teide?
3. In which novel did Squire Trelawney sail the Hispaniola?
4. What did America develop in the Manhattan Project?
5. Which car registration letter was launched in 1994?
6. Which clergyman is 'Primate of England'?
7. Which actor was born Richard Jenkins?
8. What is the collective name for birds of the genus Corvus?
9. Which sport adopted the Queensberry rules in 1867?
10. Which comedian co-wrote the book *Life and How to Survive It*?

**Last week's solutions:**

**Quiz:** 1 Jane Fonda; 2 Alps; 3 Dock;  
4 Record Breakers; 5 Korea;  
6 Child Support Agency; 7 George and Ira  
Gershwin; 8 Ray; 9 Barbara Windsor;  
10 Kelvin.

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**Niner**

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

24391 gives a game,  
5436781 gives a second game,  
64186477 gives a third game.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Well I have found the solution. Why not head off to Penn? The golf club to be precise. The Barley Mow is a beautiful place tucked away amid the hustle and bustle of a working city.

Approaching the venue there is a real heart-in-mouth moment symbolising a change from urban to olde worlde. The dwellings on either side quickly end and the road appears to just vanish.

The lovely, bright evening we decided to

## Leigh Sanders tucks in

pay the pub a visit was obviously playing host to the Wolverhampton Dog Walkers' Society who had called an impromptu meeting in the sunshine. There was a real plethora of pooches, differing sizes, breeds and colours. It added to the countryside feel.

Now if you are over 6ft this is a real adventure. This pub may actually have been intended for hobbits. Bent over almost double, like that scene at the beginning of Lord of The Rings where Gandalf first bodes his welcome to Frodo, we popped in.

The bar area, keeping in size with the rest of the venue, is decorated with all manner of foreign coinage, sport and comedy ticket stubs from venues across the city so there is plenty to chatter about and keep you entertained while you wait to be served.

Note to diners: there is very limited seat-

ing space in the two rooms behind you – the table count barely breaking double figures – so any empty tables should be watched for like a hawk. Such is the popularity of the venue that these perching spots can often be full, so waiting may be required. But wait you should. It's worth it!

## Signal

In keeping with the adventure theme, the menus are provided on the walls, so take note of what catches your eye and then return to the bar to order. The lack of phone signal in this area forces us humans to interact.

Starters don't really get too much of a look-in here so just mains were ordered. And when these arrived it was probably just as well. I had three tender lamb cutlets in a sweet jus with the largest mound of mashed potato and mixed veg. The mash was a lit-

tle too lumpy for my taste although it was creamy and very filling. The lamb was soft and tasty and fell away from the bone with relative ease.

My friend was in the mood for a pie and had the steak and stilton option with chips and another serving of veg. She commented on how 'homely' it felt and was chuffed at how much meat was inside.

It wasn't long before it became apparent about the venue's slight downfall. The size meant that when it was busy it was loud. And with the number of people and cooked food it did get a little warm.

But regardless of how full and sticky we were, we could not resist the desserts, sticky toffee pudding for me but my companion went straight for the chocolate fudge cake.

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## Generous-sized detached with modern decor

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It is for sale through Goodchilds at £230,000.

The agents are proud to offer this immaculately presented detached home which has a modern, stylish decor.

It also has spacious rooms throughout and is beautifully set behind a tarmac driveway and front lawn.

A spokesman for the selling agent said: "Internally the property is presented to a high standard, together with upgraded kitchen and bathrooms and has the added advantage of being offered with no upward chain."

A spacious residence with off road parking, a garage, front and rear gardens, a porch, a lounge, a dining area, a fitted kitchen, a modern re-fitted cloakroom/WC, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms and a bathroom.

In more detail the porch opens into the entrance hall. The lounge is spacious and includes a walk-in bay window and an archway into the dining area, which in turn has patio doors opening out to the garden.

The kitchen is re-fitted and includes ample storage cupboards and a door to the re-fitted cloakroom/WC. The garage and electric points and an up and over door.

Off the first floor landing, the master bedroom is a double room with built-in wardrobes, an airing cupboard and a door to the en-suite shower room which is also re-fitted and has tiled walls.

Bedroom two is another double bedroom and it is dual aspect. Bedroom three is a further double bedroom which overlooks the rear and has a built-in storage cupboard. The bathroom has been superbly re-fitted in contemporary style, including tiled walls and a modern suite.

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**Carlton Avenue**  
Bilston



3 Bedroom detached house with no upward chain, porch and entrance hallway, modern kitchen, lounge/diner, modern bathroom, driveway and garage, front and rear gardens, double glazing and central heating, potential to extend subject to planning permission, call Paul Dubberley to view.  
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Bilston



VIEWING ADVISED, 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House with no upward chain, rear garage and parking, entrance hall with downstairs toilet, lounge, Kitchen diner, shower room, double glazed (where specified) and warm air heating.  
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It is for sale through Edwards Moore at £279,950.

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The sympathetically modernised home includes hardwood double glazing and gas fired central heating.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance vestibule, a reception hall, storage cupboard, cellar, lounge, rear reception room, re-fitted kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, four bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, fore and rear garden, garage and parking to the rear.

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## Semi-detached has been much improved

WILLENHALL  
£189,995

Situated in the Pool Hayes area of Willenhall this superbly presented and extended three-bedroom semi-detached house in Alton Avenue has been much improved by the current owners.

It is for sale through L&S Prestige Estates at £189,995.

It has an entrance hall, spacious lounge, dining room with open plan access to a fitted kitchen with appliances, a ground floor WC, utility room and perhaps most noticeably a games room with French doors opening to the rear garden. The first floor has three bedrooms and a modern fitted bathroom with a claw foot bath and separate shower cubicle. The property also benefits from both double glazing and gas central heating throughout.

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**204 CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK WS11 5BZ**  
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- ◆ End terraced house
- ◆ Brick, render and slate construction
- ◆ Requiring improvement
- ◆ Two Bedrooms
- ◆ Conveniently located for facilities at Chads Moor town centre
- ◆ Adjacent to public car park
- ◆ Gas fired central heating (not tested)
- ◆ EPC rating D (66)

**GUIDE PRICE £47,500**

**LOT 2**

**181 WIMBLEBURY ROAD, HEATH HAYES WS12 2EW**  
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- ◆ Larger than average end terraced house
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Brick, render and slate construction
- ◆ Open views to front
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- ◆ Partial gas fired central heating (not tested)
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
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**LOT 3**

**LAND ADJ 89 WOOD LANE, HEDNESFORD WS12 1BW**  
**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Good sized building plot
- ◆ Situated in an exceptionally popular residential area
- ◆ Convenient for amenities at Hednesford town centre
- ◆ Outline planning permission was granted by Cannock Chase District Council under Application No: CH/14/0134 for the erection of one new dwelling on 29th July 2015

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**LOT 4**

**3 CHURCH VIEW, RUGELEY, WS15 1DZ**  
**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Mid terraced house
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Gas central heating (not tested)
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**GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £80,000**

**LOT 5**

**20 ORCHARD ROAD, WILLENHALL, WV13 2EP**  
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- ◆ Factory/warehouse premises
- ◆ Possibly suitable for residential/commercial redevelopment (subject to planning permission)
- ◆ Predominantly residential area
- ◆ Convenient for Willenhall town centre

**GUIDE PRICE £35,000+**

**LOT 6**

**29 RED LION CRESCENT, NORTON CANES, WS11 9QS**  
**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Semi detached house
- ◆ In popular residential area
- ◆ In need of some improvement
- ◆ Ideal buy to let
- ◆ Partial solid fuel central heating (not tested)
- ◆ Some double glazing
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

**GUIDE PRICE £50,000+**

**LOT 7**

**FIELD NO: 220, LAND TO WEST OF HORSEBROOK LANE, BREWOOD, ST19 9EF**  
**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Pasture land
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**LOT 8**

**39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY, WS6 6HF**  
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- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
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- ◆ EPC rating D (63)

**GUIDE PRICE £50,000-£70,000**

**LOT 9**

**399 CANNOCK ROAD, HEDNESFORD, WS12 4AE**  
**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Inner terraced house
- ◆ Brick and tile construction
- ◆ Requiring comprehensive refurbishment and modernisation
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

**GUIDE PRICE £45,000+**

**LOT 10**

**7 DUNDALK LANE, CHESLYN HAY, WS6 7BB**  
**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Semi detached bungalow
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Part double glazing
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ In need of improvement
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

**GUIDE PRICE £100,000**

**LOT 11**

**1 HOLLYOAK WAY, CANNOCK, WS11 1DF**  
**LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Well equipped ground floor apartment
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Constructed 2002
- ◆ Located in much sought after cul-de-sac
- ◆ Conveniently located for Cannock Town Centre
- ◆ EPC rating D (61)

**GUIDE PRICE £90,000+**





## End terrace house is an ideal first-time buy

**WILLENHALL**  
**£95,000**

An ideal first-time buy, this two-bedroomed end terraced house in Bilston Lane, Willenhall, is close to superb transport links and facilities in Walsall, Bilston, Wolverhampton and Willenhall.

It is for sale through Paul Dubberley at £95,000.

It has a lounge, breakfast kitchen, downstairs WC, modern bathroom, central heating and double glazing, driveway, front and rear gardens. The front driveway is flanked by a lawned garden. The entrance lobby has stairs off and the lounge has a gas fire and laminate-effect flooring and a storage cupboard. The kitchen/breakfast room has a range of wall and base units, a work surface, sink and drainer, and a breakfast bar. There is also a WC, two bedrooms and a bathroom.

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## Modern and spacious four bed detached family residence

**BLOXWICH**  
**£259,000**

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Superbly appointed, this modern and spacious four-bedroomed detached family residence in Harvest Grove, Bloxwich, Walsall has easy access to the town centre and excellent transport links.

With double glazing and central heating, it is for sale through Skitts at £259,000.

It has off road parking and a garage, an entrance hall with stairs off, a lounge with a bay window and a wall mounted electric fire, a downstairs WC, a dining kitchen with a matching range of high gloss wall and base cupboard units with work tops over, breakfast bar, integrated electric oven, inset gas hob with extractor fan over, tiled splash-backs and French style patio doors, utility room, master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms and a bathroom and gardens.

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**CHAPEL STREET, BILSTON**  
Three Bed Mid Town House Having Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C., Gas C/H, D/G, Off Road Parking And Private Rear Garden.

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## WILLENHALL



**GIPSY LANE, WILLENHALL**  
Three Bedroom Mid Terrace Property Having Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen With Utility Area, Ground Floor Bathroom, D/G, C/H. Ideal FTB Or BTL.

£99,995

## SHORT HEATH



**HOWE CRESCENT, WILLENHALL**  
Two Bed Mid Town House, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Veranda, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/G, C/H, Blocked Paved Driveway, Rear Garden.

£90,000

## WILLENHALL



**ROSEHILL, WILLENHALL**  
Well Presented Three Bed Mid Terrace Having Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen With Integrated Appliances, Ground Floor Bathroom, UPVC D/G, Gas C/H Rear Garden. Ideal FTB Or BTL.

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**HAWKSWELL DR, WILLENHALL**  
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£85,000

## VILLAGE LOCATION



**ALLENS LANE, PELSALL**  
Immaculate Two Bed Mid Terrace Having Through Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, Two Double Bedrooms, D/G, C/H, Enclosed Rear Garden, Village Location.

£142,500

## WEDNESFIELD



**SNAPE ROAD, W-FIELD**  
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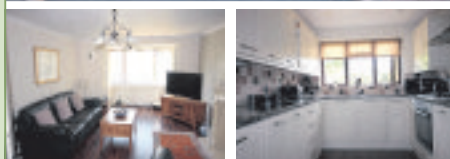
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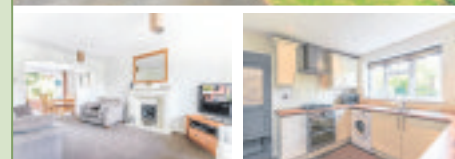
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- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

From £145,995



Formby Way, Turnberry

- Spacious Detached Residence
- Excellent Condition Throughout
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Garage
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge & Dining Area
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Desirable Turnberry Development
- NO CHAIN

£230,000



Waters Keep, Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

From £132,995



Epping Close, Walsall

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£130,000



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- Lounge
- Downstairs WC
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- Double Glazed (Where Specified)
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

£120,000



Harrison Street, Bloxwich

- Extended Semi-Detached
- Two Double Bedrooms
- First Floor Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen/Diner
- Ground Floor WC
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

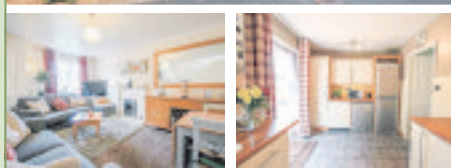
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- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
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- Gas Central Heating

£105,000



West Street, Leamore

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Park Road, Bloxwich

- No Upward Chain
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- En-Suite to Master
- Secure Gated Parking
- Other Apartments Available in the Block
- Viewing Essential!

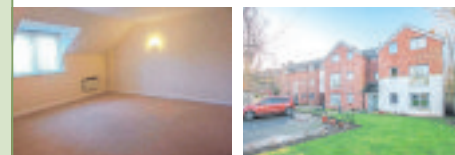
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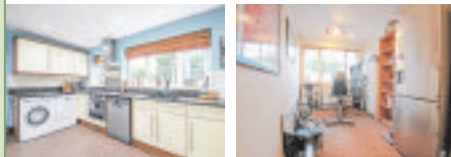




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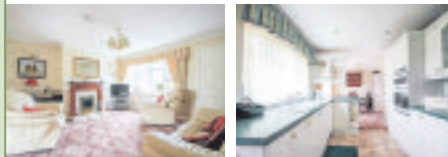
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- En-Suite Shower to Master
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Desirable Area of Turnberry Development
- Superb Condition Throughout

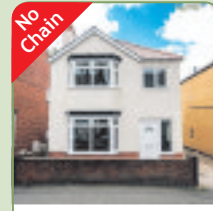
£230,000



Thurstone Road, Bloxwich

- Detached Family Home
- No Upward Chain
- Rewired in 2008
- Attractive Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ground Floor WC
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Bathroom with Double Shower

£220,000



Harrison Street, Bloxwich

- Traditional Detached Property
- Fully Refurbished
- Off Road Parking
- Extended Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom

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Jesson Close, Walsall

- NO CHAIN
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- DELIGHTFUL COMMUNAL GROUNDS
- SHARE OF THE FREEHOLD
- ALLOCATED PARKING SPACE
- GARAGE

£135,000



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- Family Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage

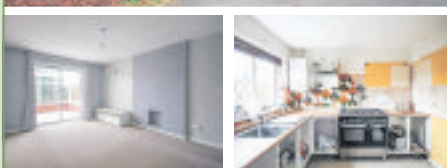
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Waters Keep, Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C.
- Rear French Doors
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

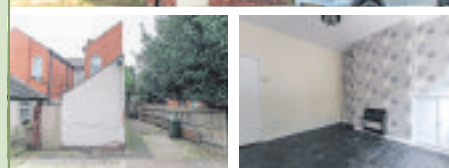
From £115,995



Rochester Croft, Reedswood

- No Chain
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
- Private Rear Garden
- Set in the Corner of a Cul-de-Sac
- Easy access to the M6
- Close to Reedswood Retail Park
- Great School Catchment Area
- Viewing Essential!

Offers in Excess of £115,000



Ingram Road, Blowlwich

- No Chain
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Well Presented Throughout
- Low Maintenance Garden
- Close to Shops & schools
- Ideal Buy-to-Let

£110,000



Hollemeadow Avenue, Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom
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- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

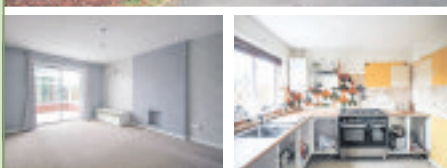
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Park Road, Bloxwich

- No Upward Chain
- Currently Achieving £6300 Annual Rent
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Secure Gated Parking

£97,500



Park Road, Bloxwich

- Apartment Block Built in 2008
- Currently Achieving £6300 A.R
- Private Secure Parking
- Security Gated Entrance
- Second Floor Apartment
- Other Apartments Available
- Great School Catchment Area
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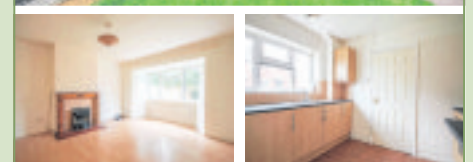
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# Good price, premium refinement in Insignia

By John Griffiths

**Vauxhall's Insignia is a big family car which is aimed firmly at the business market, where low running costs (and in particular tax bills) are critical.**

Competition is fierce, with big name rivals such as the Mazda6, VW Passat and, of course, the big-selling Ford Mondeo to contend with. That rivalry has been the key to driving up standards, as well as paring costs, as business drivers often have to spend many hours each working day behind the wheel and take the family out at weekends.

The Insignia has been around for a while, but has been tweaked here and there with particular attention to what's under the bonnet, with a new range of highly efficient engines. The test car was the (wait for it) 1.6CDTi ecoFLEX S/S in Tech Line trim: a bit of a mouthful but popular in company car parks across the country. And I can see why.

The Insignia has good looks on its side because of its sleek, sporty profile which means it could pass itself off as a big coupe – except that it has five doors, and room for five adults and lots of luggage inside.

Even if you're not excited by all things oily and mechanical, you appreciate the brilliance of the relatively small (for a car of this size) 1,598cc turbo diesel engine simply because of the way it impacts on so many aspects of the car.

It is the latest example of what Vauxhall terms its whisper diesel and is aptly named.

You might not be able to hear the clock ticking (it's digital) or a pin drop (because of the thick carpets) but it's virtually silent while cruising the motorway at 70mph, helping the Insignia reach levels of refinement and relaxation that were once the preserve of the rich man's luxury motor.

Its 0 to 62mph time of 10.9 seconds is moderately quick, but with the turbo diesel's 320Nm of torque available from 2,000rpm the sprint figure isn't representative of the Insignia's in-gear performance – for example decisive overtaking.

## Impressed

Neither is it underpowered even for such a big car, as its official fuel economy figure is 74.3mpg. That's a laboratory test, of course, which you're unlikely to achieve in the real world but I was impressed by my average of a little over 54mpg. That included around town driving and a trip along Welsh mountains roads with plenty of throttle adjustments and gear changes: on an A-road and motorway cruise I'm confident 60-plus is perfectly possible.

The official figures though mean that its CO2 emissions rating is 99g/km – meaning no road tax and low benefit-in-kind tax for the company car driver. An insurance rating of Group 17E shouldn't break the bank, either.

While running costs are frugal, don't be left with the impression this is a cheap car. The Tech Line cabin is spacious, with high grade materials and big, comfortable seats.

The ride is also a good compromise between dynamics and comfort, so even on poorer surfaces it damps the effects of all but the worst potholes. Yet, with the addition of nicely weighted steering, it's a car you can swing through the corners with confidence.

It's well put together as a car for going the distance. My test drive took in some 200 miles of pretty testing roads which were completed without the driver feeling stiff, tired and grumpy – ideal for today's businessman travelling to an important meeting. The driver gets an electric lumbar support adjuster, which helps keep you comfortable on a long drive and there's an efficient climate control system.

As you'd expect, the driver's comprehensive instrument display is complemented by a central touch screen controller for the audio, satnav and connectivity systems. It also has a programme for adjusting various car settings, eliminating a potential clutter of switches on the fascia.

Standard equipment includes cruise control, electric windows and door mirrors, automatic headlamps and wipers, electronic stability control and six airbags.

An option fitted to the vehicle was Vauxhall's new and impressive Onstar system at £395. Its just three buttons in the roof panel, but using GPS and a telematics system it's a major step forward. You can, for example, speak to a real human operator in Onstar's Luton HQ who can give you a car a remote control once-over to see, for example, if your tyres are correctly inflated. Or give them a destination and a route will be downloaded into the car's navigation system.

But probably the most convincing reason for having the option fitted is the red SOS button which can put you in touch with the operator (who will know your location) and alert the emergency services. If the car is stolen, Onstar can remotely disable it and report its location to the police.

The Insignia is competitively priced, particularly for a car offering premium car refinement. Low running costs and futuristic technology to a section of the market where drivers rely on their vehicles to cover high mileages.

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The new Citroën C3 is everything you would expect a modern Citroën to be – colourful, stylish, brimming with new technologies, supremely comfortable and with a bold, fun-loving personality.

The new C3 embodies all the core values

of Citroën: Optimistic – the C3 combines a characteristically Citroën front-end, with soft lines, flowing curves and striking colour schemes to deliver a powerful and energetic look.

Highly customisable, C3 is audacious and full of personality by design, to ensure each owner can create a bespoke look that suits their individual style.

The exterior has a two-tone paint option, with a choice of three roof colours and complimentary touches of colour around the car (fog lights, door mirrors, rear quarter panels and on the Airbump® panels). Inside, customers have a choice of four different interiors that all deliver a spacious, yet intimate feel, thanks to the shape of the seats and an uncluttered dashboard.

New C3 is focused on the well-being of everyone on-board. The Citroën Advanced Comfort® programme has influenced the creation of the new C3.

Comfortable seats, a panoramic glass sunroof that fills the cabin with light, colours



**The new Citroën is everything you would expect a modern Citroën to be – colourful, stylish, brimming with technology**

and fabrics inspired by travel and home interior design, a 7-inch touchscreen that groups together all of the key vehicle functions and a keyless entry and start system, all combine to emphasise a feeling of reassurance, comfort and calm.

C3 introduces ConnectedCAM Citroën™, a world premiere for the brand. ConnectedCAM Citroën™ uses a fully integrated camera, located behind the rear view mirror, to capture images and video that can instantly be shared on social media channels, or saved as evidence in the

event of an accident. The latest Citroën C3 now offers even more options that improve the driving experience, with an advanced driver assistance system including voice controlled 3D navigation, a reversing camera, lane departure warning and blind-spot monitoring.

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# A3 clearly connected to values of real-world

By Ian Donaldson

**FORGET** the acceleration times or how far the car goes on a gallon, for some potential owners the way their iPhone hooks up is the decider.

Or, as the man from Audi said about the newly update A3 range: "To some younger customers being connected is more important than the car itself."

So, younger customers rejoice! This workover of Audi's biggest selling range brings extra standard kit and the possibility (at extra cost, it's an Audi, remember) of keeping yourself connected like never before.

With four body styles to choose from – three and five-door hatch (Sportback in Audi speak), saloon and cabriolet – and six engines on offer, there ought to be a car to suit most upwardly mobile people in search of a classy set of wheels.

Priced from £19,365, the latest A3 comes with a mild rejig on the outside and more bits inside, including cruise control, auto lights and wipers and a multi-function steering wheel.

You have to move up the range, or pay for extras to appreciate all the new techno upgrades, which can include what Audi calls a digital cockpit; really a high definition screen replacing conventional dials that you can make display the sat nav with cinema screen clarity or let the instruments dominate.

The entry level A3 is a three-door hatch with 1.0 litre petrol engine and SE trim but not many people will be tempted, heading instead to the Sport (+£1,550) and the S line (+£2,150), where bigger alloys, styling tweaks inside and out and LED headlights (and natty rear indicators that flash in a bulb-sweeping action) mark the car out as the range topper.

You'll find satellite navigation on all but the SE but find £995 for a technology pack and you'll add high speed 4G internet access via a SIM card with no date charge, Google Earth and Street View and Twitter.

If you're mobile phone is clever enough you can pop it in the Audi Phone Box between the front seats, where it charges itself without needing to be plugged in and works through the car's own aerial for a better reception.

Oh, and there's 10GB of hard drive memory for every song you've ever bought and need to download to the car. So you'll stay very connected indeed to your life outside your Audi.

Add a driver assistance pack for £1,950 and an auto-gearbox A3 will slow to a halt and start off again all by itself, maintain a safe distance behind the vehicle ahead at cruising speed and briefly steer the car at speeds up to 37mph.

There are a couple of option boxes you can tick without adding to the price of your car – to delete the badges on the back to keep your engine details to yourself, or to delete the lowered, stiffened suspension that comes with an S line package. Two paint colours cost nothing extra either (solid white or black) although everything else costs £550, or £775 for a crystal effect black.

Alongside a carried over selection of engines there's the first application in the A3 of the Volkswagen Group's feisty 1.0 litre three-cylinder petrol engine and a new 2.0 petrol power unit with 190 horsepower and coupled to a new seven-speed automatic gearbox.

As ever, slipping into the latest A3 reinforces the company's reputation for building cars as well finished as anything near the price; this is a high quality environment in which to spend hours of your life at a stretch.

Choose the popular 2.0 litre diesel and S line trim and you'll have a car that shrugs off the miles, the engine a distant thrum as the suspension stays firmly in contact with the road, doing its best with big alloy wheels and stiffened springs to smooth your path.

Lesser versions with smaller wheels – or an S line on the optional softer suspension – would ride more serenely but lack the positive edge to the steering that makes the A3 feel taut... connected.

The trip computer showed 54.9mpg after a brief but spirited drive. Combine that with the way the car is predicted to hang on to its value as the months roll by and this new Audi is clearly connected to real world values.

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# Honda's HR-V is back and improved

The second generation Honda HR-V aims to stake a strong claim for the Japanese brand in the growing compact crossover market. This time round, it's more spacious and better equipped to take on segment leaders.

Buyers choose from either a 1.5 petrol unit or a 1.6 diesel, both sending drive to the front wheels. It looks good and deserves to do well.

Honda has ditched any pretence that this HR-V is a go-anywhere vehicle, offering it solely in front-wheel drive guise.

There's a choice of petrol or diesel power, the former being a 130PS 1.5 litre i-VTEC petrol, with the black pump-fuelled variant getting a 120PS 1.6 i-DTEC unit. Each drives through a six-speed manual transmission, although the petrol powerplant can be optioned with a CVT automatic, with a paddle-shift on some trims.

The HR-V features a low centre of gravity, with the driver's hip point more akin to a conventional hatch than an SUV.

The body is extremely rigid due to a high percentage of high-tensile steel, and this in turn helps isolate the suspension to do its job properly. Honda has concentrated on refinement, optimising aerodynamics to reduce wind noise at speed.

The HR-V also employs a highly efficient acoustic insulation package. Sound absorption measures in the inner wheel arches, floor carpet and underfloor cover combine to reduce cabin noise levels.

## Stance

Honda reckons the MK2 model HR-V combines the personality of a coupe with the solid stance of an SUV and they're not too far wrong.

The design is neat and interesting, with hidden rear door handles, deeply sculpted lower body panels and a CR-V style front grille, headlamps and pointed taper at the rear side window line.

The cabin features decent quality materials, with a soft-touch dash top accented with brushed chrome and piano black inlays.

Unlike its predecessor, this HR-Vs quite spacious inside and there's room to accommodate Hondas Magic Seat system.

As well as splitting 60/40, the rear bench seat backs can fold forward as the seat base lowers to create a long, flat floor.

The front and rear passenger seat backs can also fold forward to a horizontal position to accommodate longer items.

## Styling

The boot holds 453-litres with the rear seats in use, and 1,026-litres to the window line with the rear seats folded away.

The Honda HR-V's styling is neat and despite the sloping roofline, practicality is well up to par.

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Roger Brindley hands over a cheque to Simon Cater



A Pensnett Panthers quartet with the County Cup



Bradmore Social's Lee Brookes with Brian Lester

# Beacon League teams make light work of a successful season

AN established league is ringing in the changes as it kicks off its 40th anniversary season.

At the league's end-of-season 2015/16 awards, Beacon League chairman Brian Lester heaped praise on the achievements of its member clubs. Now, a new format has been introduced for the new campaign, which bosses believe could go some way to saving the amateur game in the Midlands.

Last saw 17 teams compete across two Sunday football divisions. The league has managed to retain that same number for the forthcoming season, but will operate across a single division.

## Ceremony

Teams will play each other just once, competing for the Redbox Beacon Championship. An added change is that once the regular season has finished, the league will be split into two groups, with the top half competing for the Martyn Chell Cup and the remainder vying for the Clinton Cup, sponsored by Lawsons.

These changes will see teams again meeting just once, the top four contesting semi-finals then a final over the second half of the campaign. All teams will be entered into the NDT-sponsored Lester Charity Cup, which is run on a straight knockout basis.

## SPORTING FEATURE

By Dave McLean

**"We've had a very successful season, particularly in the two outside cups that are run by Birmingham County FA."**

The 2015/16 awards ceremony gave members the chance to reflect on a season in which Beacon teams excelled both on the domestic front and in outside cup competitions.

First Division Pensnett Panthers and Premier Division Dynamo Dudley reached their respective Sunday Amateur Cup and Vase county finals, with success going to the former.

The duo also won their league championships, while Dynamo completed a superb treble, winning the NDT (Midlands) Premier Cup for a third consecutive year and lifting the Lester Charity Cup.

Springvale Steelers Academy were the other major league winners, defeating Pensnett Panthers in a

thrilling Falcon Insurance Beacon final and also finishing runners-up in the First Division.

Members from each of the winning teams were present to collect awards, while Bradmore Social's Lee Brookes was named secretary of the year and a cheque for £210 was presented to Compton Hospice fundraiser Simon Cater from league treasurer Roger Brindley. Newcomers New Park Village scooped the fair play award.

Lester said: "I think we've had a very successful season, particularly in the two outside cups that are run by Birmingham County FA. Pensnett's victory in the county final was a tremendous achievement for the league, while Dynamo Dudley also represented the league with pride and no less little impressive football."

## Aspects

"It's been a very good season in terms of what we've done on the pitch, and one of the more pleasing aspects for me was when I've been round the grounds and watched matches."

"It's been a partnership very much between ourselves (the committee) and the club's and particularly the new clubs, who have said how much they enjoyed the season with us."

Sponsors are being sought for the Chell Cup. To help call league development officer Dave Clinton on 07964 730275.



Dynamo Dudley's Scott Lloyd, Aaron Lloyd and Joe Lawley



New Park Village coaches Phil Hall and John Williams are honoured by Brian Lester



# Sport

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## Haughmond are no match for Sporting

Haughmond 1  
Sporting 3

WOLVES Sporting made the journey to Shropshire side Haughmond still missing several players to injury and holidays looking to make it two wins from two games.

Sporting started brightly against last season's title challengers with new signing Rion Francis-Mills' angled shot forcing a good save from keeper Matt Jones.

They finally got the breakthrough on 12 minutes when a corner was cleared to Sporting skipper Angelo Franco and from 25yds he bent a super shot into the top corner.

Sporting had plenty of possession but couldn't find the decisive 2nd goal and had to thank new keeper James Gettings for a super point blank stop just before half time to keep their lead.

Sporting came out flying in the 2nd half with several chances being wasted but on the hour mark their superb play got its reward with a slick passing move involving Frenchman Remi Mongeaud, who found last season's WMRL Prem top scorer Dan Westwood, who from six yards smashed a unstoppable shot into the roof of the net to make it 2-0.

Looking in complete control against a very good Haughmond side Sporting were rocked on 77 minutes when from a direct free kick Liam Jones found the top corner leaving James Gettings with no chance, giving his team hope of a comeback.

Sporting were happy to play on the counter attack and Hak Barnes was in inspired form in defence.

Sporting finally got their third from a set piece with a superb corner from Angelo Franco finding recent signing Phil Meerdy who scored with a powerful header on 85 minutes that wrapped up the game.

## It's all change for Juniors following £5,000 cash boost

WYRLEY Juniors, will be investing in new changing facilities after winning £5,000 in a national competition.

Wyrley Juniors was awarded the money as part of the OneFamily Foundation Community Awards, which are run twice-yearly and provide life-changing sums to organisations, groups and projects across the UK.

The club plans to build new state-of-the-art changing facilities for the 120 local footballers who use Harrison's Football Ground in Great Wyrley. The new development will replace the shipping container now used by the club, which has no electricity or running water.

Wyrley Juniors was nominated for a Community Award by Jo Thomas, a OneFamily customer who plays in a ladies' team at the ground. The football club was one of 24 organisations presented with an award in this latest round.

Jo said: "Winning the funding is great news for everyone involved with the team, and the new changing facilities will benefit players for years to come. We plan to make the facilities fully accessible for everyone."

## Hopeful Holt tops bill for Town Hall

MIDLANDS title contender Paul Holt will top the bill when professional boxing returns to Walsall Town Hall next month.

'The Incredible' will headline at the venue on Saturday September 24 as he gets busy again after a year out, writes Craig Birch.

The Nuneaton-based Brummie takes a starring role for a show titled 'High Stakes,' a tribute to show sponsors Grosvenor Casino Walsall.

Manny Zaber, from Old Hill, features on the under-card having originally been due to appear at Walsall Football Club on Friday September 2.

Zaber has racked up seven wins from seven pro

### BOXING

contests, since turning over from the unlicensed circuit, and is targeting a super featherweight showdown with Dudley's Les Byfield.

West Bromwich's Tom Stokes engages in a keep-busy contest of his own, with aspirations of a shot at the vacant Midlands middleweight title.

He has been petitioned to co-challenge with fellow undefeated prospect Daniel Breeze, of Bloxwich. Stokes will move to 8-0-0 with a Town Hall victory. West Bromwich cohort Tommy Loach makes his debut on the card at welter. He grad-

uates from Wednesbury Boxing Club. Birmingham's Luke Walker is in action at super welter, looking for his fourth victory with all three of his previous paid bouts taking place at the same venue.

Former world kickboxing champion Chad Sugden has already been paired with Chris Nixon for his latest test as a pugilist. Sugden, 22, held the ISKA world middleweight crown and remains the youngest to ever win a belt from that organisation. Tickets, priced at £30 and £60 ringside, are on still sale from the Town Hall Box Office on 0845 111 2900. The casino, on Bentley Mill Way, will host the weigh-in and after-show party.

# GRITTY SHOW OF STRENGTH

IT wasn't pretty and the performance was some way from perfect yet Walsall manager Jon Whitney certainly had some cause for satisfaction.

Saturday's 0-0 draw at Oldham might have lacked the flair and ruthlessness of the previous weekend's win over AFC Wimbledon.

But clearly evident was the steel which Whitney has long vowed to instil in his new-look team. Against an Oldham side determined to deliver a physical test, the Saddlers stood strong, making sure they took a point from the kind of game which could have easily slipped away and indeed almost did, when Latics striker Lee Erwin sent a free header against the post with 20 minutes remaining.

It was, as captain-for-the-day James O'Connor would later admit, a battle, though one which proved Whitney is at least building his side from a solid base. True, there was little to excite in an attacking display which mustered just two serious attempts on goal. On the other hand, this was just the third competitive game for a unit which had by half-time had lost both Rico Henry and Erhun Oztumer to injury.

The hope must be quality develops from team spirit and on this evidence, the Saddlers certainly have plenty of the latter.

Nowhere better was it epitomised than in the performance of Isaiah Osbourne. Having missed the whole of last season with a serious knee injury, the 28-year-old appears determined to make up for lost time and featured at both ends of the pitch, breaking up numerous attacks with well-timed tackles while also delivering the pass which gave Simeon Jackson the visitors' best chance.

Further encouragement came in the performance of Franck Moussa, a player who has had to bide his time and build fitness before getting his chance. Record signing Andreas Makris also showed flashes of his quality.

The greatest concern was the dislocated shoulder suffered by left-back Henry. The 18-year-old may well have prevented a goal when he appeared from nowhere to head away Marc Klok's viciously swerving free-kick. Yet he landed awkwardly and left the field on a stretcher.



Joe Edwards is sent tumbling during Walsall's goalless draw at Oldham on Saturday

## Carroll enjoys best ever BDO run

BLOXWICH'S Shaun Carroll went on his best-ever run in a BDO competition to reach the quarter-finals of the Belgium Open in Antwerp.

Carroll prevailed from Group Four with 4-0 whitewashes against Freddy Snyders, Charles Lammers, Harry Famaey and Dean Reynolds. His challenge

continued with a 4-3 win over Wouter Vaes, but his run ended in the best-of-nine last eight, losing 5-1 to Kyle McKinstry.

Carroll's county team-mate Mark Craddock, Wednesbury's Matthew Dicken and Wolverhampton's Michael Baker also made the trip, competing in singles and doubles action. Car-

roll and Craddock reached the men's pairs semis, losing 4-3 to Martin Atkins and Glen Durrant.

They won three Group 10 games, beating Tobias Anliker and Philipp Ruckstuhl 3-1, Wim Roosemarijn and Kristof Rutten 3-0 and Eddy Bouten and Fabien Theeten 3-2.

## Solid Wood get a win under belt

Tividale 0  
Walsall Wood 2

TWO second half goals from Ashley Jackson and Harry Harris gave Wood a deserved victory over last season's relegated side.

Dale soaked up Wood pressure then on 20 minutes a long ball out of defence found Liam Morris on the right of the box, he cut inside and his low drive was well saved.

Wood had the better of the rest of the half but couldn't make the all important breakthrough.

On 52 minutes from a right wing Wood throw the ball was collected by Ashley Jackson, he stepped inside and from 40 yards out hit a screaming low drive just wide.

From the goal kick Wood won the ball back wide right, Butlin's ball inside was collected at pace by Jackson, he faded inside, took one touch before hitting a low drive that deflected off a defender and looped over the keeper and into the net.

### Thundered

Just six minutes later Wood doubled their lead, and what a goal, Butlin was fouled just outside the left of the box, he rolled the free kick short to Harry Harris who thundered a rising drive inside the near post, giving the keeper no chance.

Wood comfortably resisted the home side's attempts at getting back into the game and nearly made it three on 79 minutes when Jackson collected the ball right of the box, went through three tackles and his goalbound shot was half blocked giving the keeper an easy save.

A comfortable victory for Wood as they opened their league campaign with maximum points. They are at home on Saturday with Quorn the visitors in a re-arranged League game, before entertaining Brocton on Tuesday 23.

## Pics chairman happy to be back in hotseat

JOHN Allen has admitted that he is 'excited beyond belief' after stepping back into the Rushall Olympic hot-seat for the first time in a decade.

The club chairman originally arrived at Dales Lane as manager back in 1997 and held the role for nine years before stepping aside.

He felt the time was right for him to step back in as the club look to make their mark on the Evo-Stik League Northern Premier.

"I've spent the past 10 years building up the club off-the-field, but the time felt right for me to step back in and I am excited beyond belief," Allen said.

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